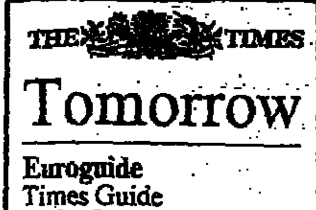
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Lord Robbins, the educationist who had a stroke 11 days ago, has died in London, aged 85

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Gulf tension rises sharply after Saudi tanker attack

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

Tension over the Gulf War rose sharply yesterday after a Saudi Arabian supertanker was strafed and set ablaze by an unidentified aircraft in Saudi waters. It was the fifth attack this week on neutral shipping.

The aircraft was officially unidentified, but it is thought almost certainly to have been Iranian, as Saudi Arabia has been the main contributor to Iraq of funds without which President Saddam Husain would have long been in financial difficulties over continuing the four-year war.

News of the raid came shortly after Kuwait accused Iran of attacking two of its tankers in the Gulf earlier in the week, the first clear indication that both Gulf War protagonists have been bombing other merchantmen.

Britain and the United States reacted swiftly to the latest developments by expressing concern and repeating calls for an end to the fighting.

The 212,000-tonne Saudi tanker Yanbu Pride was hit by rockets or cannon fire five miles north of the busy industrial port of Jubail and close to the crucial Saudi oil terminal at Ras Tanura.

A fire which started in the starboard hold was quickly extinguished and no casualties were reported, but Lloyd's said last night that two unexploded missiles were discovered on the tanker after the raid.

Iran issued a warning yesterday that it would close the Gulf to all shipping unless Iraq stopped attacking tankers sailing to and from Iran's oil terminal at Kharg Island.

The Iranian warning came from Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, the Speaker of Parliament, who was quoted as saying: "If the Kharg route is not safeguarded then no other routes in the Persian Gulf will be secure." The Gulf would be safe for all or for none, he added.

The growing tension brought forward the prospect of intervention in the Gulf by the West in general and the United States in particular. About a fifth of Western oil supplies pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

In Washington, Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said the United States was "determined to keep the Strait of Hormuz open. The US will do what is necessary".

The United States, Britain and France all have warships near at hand. A Foreign Office source last night confirmed that the Government was keeping closely in touch with the Americans and EEC partners.

An official statement said: "We are seriously concerned by the recent spate of attacks on tanker traffic in the Gulf. These appear to have been mounted by both Iraq and Iran."

No British ship has been hit since the bulk carrier Charming was caught in an Iraqi raid while it was sailing in an Iranian convoy in the Gulf in March. The crew abandoned ship. There were no fatalities.

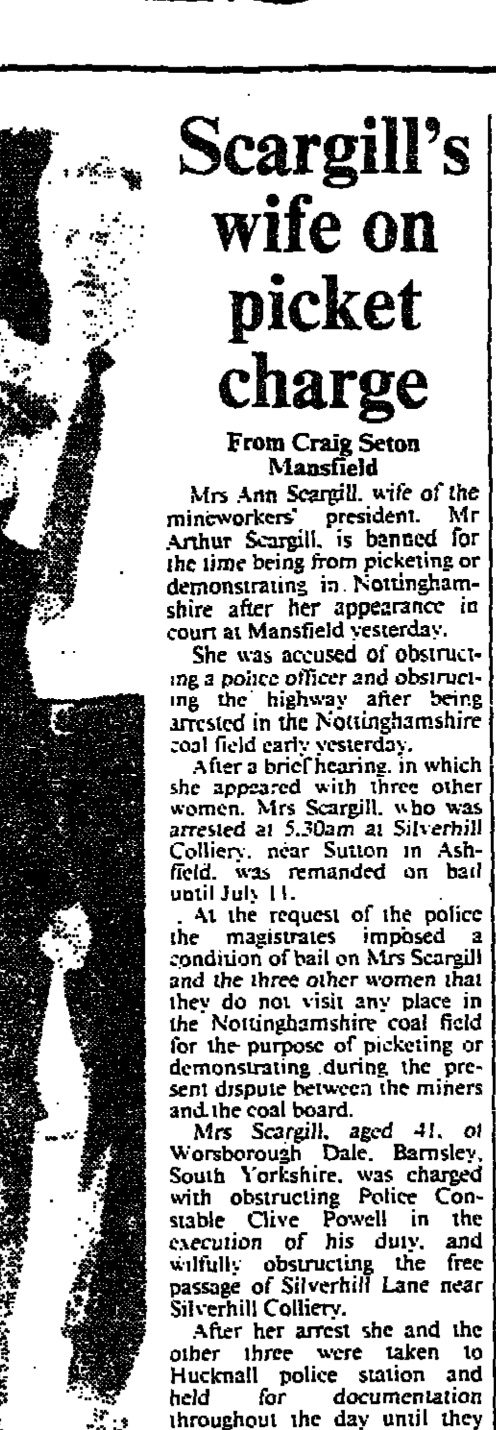
● Lloyd's raise premiums: Lloyd's is expected to increase further the cost of insuring tankers in the Gulf after the latest attacks (Our Business Staff writes). On Monday it put up the cost of insuring a ship in the Kharg Island region to 3 per cent of the sum insured, with cover extended to a maximum of seven days in the area. Hull insurance normally costs as little as 0.0375 per cent where there is little danger of hostilities.

The incidence of attacks farther south in the Gulf is bound to have an effect on insurance rates in the Gulf as a whole, underwriters said yesterday. One said the whole Gulf region could be put on a war-risk footing.

The attacks caused a surge in spot-market oil prices in Rotterdam, though there appears to be little danger of this having any effect on prices at the pumps.

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Mrs Ann Scargill with a police escort in Mansfield yesterday before appearing in court.

Scargill's wife on picket charge

From Craig Seton Mansfield

Mrs Ann Scargill, wife of the mineworkers' president, Mr Arthur Scargill, is banned for the time being from picketing or demonstrating in Nottinghamshire after her appearance in court at Mansfield yesterday.

She was accused of obstructing a police officer and obstructing the highway after being arrested in the Nottinghamshire coal field early yesterday.

After a brief hearing, in which she appeared with three other women, Mrs Scargill, who was arrested at 5.30am at Silverhill Colliery, near Sutton in Ashfield, was remanded on bail until July 11.

At the request of the police the magistrates imposed a condition of bail on Mrs Scargill and the three other women that they do not visit any place in the Nottinghamshire coal field for the purpose of picketing or demonstrating during the present dispute between the miners and the coal board.

Mrs Scargill, aged 41, of Worsborough Dale, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, was charged with obstructing Police Constable Clive Powell in the execution of his duty, and wilfully obstructing the free passage of Silverhill Lane near Silverhill Colliery.

After her arrest she and the other three were taken to Hucknall police station and held for documentation throughout the day until they were taken in a police van the few miles to Mansfield for yesterday's court appearance.

All the women faced similar charges with the exception of Audrey Moore, of Nottingham, who was additionally charged with assaulting Police Constable James Shearer.

Lynn Hathaway, of Barnsley, was accused of wilfully obstructing the highway and obstructing Police Constable Michael Craig while Elizabeth Hollis, of Nottingham, faced two charges of highway obstruction and obstructing Police Constable David James.

The women had been at Silverhill Colliery early yesterday supporting the Nottinghamshire miners' wives support group. Mrs Scargill, who works in the computer department of the Coop in Barnsley, was one of about 40 women who arrived at the colliery

Detective Sergeant John Burton requested that bail be granted conditionally.

Mr Christopher Chapman, for the four women, unsuccessfully opposed the application for conditional bail saying that the condition was tantamount to a criminal court granting an injunction effectively to the police in a matter which was for the civil courts.

Mr Edward Higham, the acting magistrates' chairman, said that the women would be remanded on conditional bail until July 11.

Strike's legal test, page 2

Unlawful killing verdict on Skinner

By John Witherow

Dennis Skinner, the Midland Bank representative in Moscow who died in a fall from his flat last June, was unlawfully killed, a coroner's jury in Croydon decided yesterday.

The surprise verdict, reached after nearly four hours, opens up new areas of speculation because Mr Skinner had feared arrest and possible murder by the KGB.

The Labour Party spokesman on foreign affairs, Mr Donald Anderson, called for a Foreign Office investigation, but the ministry refused to comment last night.

The verdict was not heard by Mr Skinner's widow, Lyudmilla, who stayed away after it was stated on Tuesday that she believed she had betrayed the KGB and feared abduction.

The coroner, Dr Mary McHugh, told the jury of six men and two women not to underrate her fears in view of "that unfortunate Markov incident in 1978". Mr Markov, a Bulgarian defector and BBC broadcaster, was killed in London by a jab from a poisoned umbrella.

Mrs Skinner, aged 39, will be eligible for £200,000 insurance which would have been withheld if the verdict was suicide.

Dr McHugh instructed the jury not to return a suicide verdict despite the Soviet police finding no signs of a struggle and saying his flat was locked from inside.

Dr McHugh said everything about Mr Skinner pointed against suicide and that someone could have escaped on to a balcony from his twelfth floor apartment.

"You must have definite proof of intention and if such a (suicide) verdict were returned, Mrs Lyudmilla Skinner would have every right to go to the High Court and ask for it to be quashed."

She dismissed accidental death because of the difficulty of falling out of the window and because Mr Skinner had a tracksuit top over his head.

Dr McHugh gave special attention to a note Mr Skinner gave to a neighbour two days before he died in which he stated his life was in danger and that he knew of a spy in the British security services.

"It is a strange coincidence that death should have occurred such a short time after the writing of the note".

Dr McHugh said that Mr Skinner had been in contact with the KGB for many years, but that this was a "cover because he was a very patriotic man."

But she believed it would be difficult to make a verdict of accidental death or unlawful killing "stick" and said that the jury could always return an open verdict. The jury thought otherwise.

The morose loner, page 2

Skeleton may be Nairac's

From Richard Ford Belfast

Police in the Irish Republic believe that a skeleton discovered in a bog a few miles from the border may be that of Captain Robert Nairac, the SAS officer murdered by the Provisional IRA while on undercover duty.

The skeleton, with what is believed to be a bullet hole through the skull, was discovered by a man walking his dog across a field on the outskirts of Knockbridge village near Dundalk, co Louth. A skull was protruding above the bog and the rest of the body had been covered with stones.

The skeleton will remain under police guard until later today when Dr John Harbinson, the state pathologist in the Republic, is expected to begin a detailed examination. Positive identification of the skeleton found close to the border where Captain Nairac is believed to have been killed, may have to rely on dental records.

Captain Nairac, aged 29, a Grenadier Guardsman, was posthumously awarded the George Cross in 1979, two years after he was abducted from the Three Steps Inn at Forkhill, co Armagh by at least seven men. He was interrogated about his secret operations in South Armargh before being tortured and murdered by the Provisional IRA.

Six men are serving jail sentences in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic in connexion with the kidnapping and murder.

Captain Nairac: Tortured and killed

Teachers balloted on series of 3-day strikes over pay claim

By Richard Garner of the *Times Educational Supplement*

Teachers in all 104 local education authorities in England and Wales are being balloted to see if they favour three-day strikes, in the latest move by the 235,000-strong National Union of Teachers to increase industrial action over its pay claim.

In 85 authorities balloting was taking place yesterday and the results will be known tonight. Other areas face a ballot later. Union leaders are confident that many schools will give the necessary two-thirds majority to enable them to call their members out on strike.

The union intends to call out selected schools on three-day strikes next Tuesday and continue after the half-term holiday the following week, with further three-day strikes in each of the following three weeks. About 5,000 members are expected to be called out next week.

The union is urging all its members to vote in favour of strike action, but is making it clear that those taking examination classes will be exempted for the periods when they are teaching examination candidates. Teachers special schools are not being exempted from the action.

Next week's strikes are likely to cause far more disruption than hitherto because of an agreement with the second largest teachers' union, the National Association of Schoolmasters-Union of Women Teachers, which has agreed not to take on any timetable commitments of teachers on strike.

Union leaders are predicting that the action will lead to widespread school closures. The areas balloted this week include Barnet – which includes the constituency of the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher – Hampshire, where the leader of the management negotiators, Mr Philip Merridale, is chairman of the education committee, and Leeds, which is the constituency of Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary.

However, union leaders say that they have not selected areas with a view to putting pressure on leading political opponents of their pay claim.

Mr Douglas McAvoy, acting general secretary of the NUT, said: "We want to show over the next four weeks the widespread dissatisfaction of teachers, whether they are working in Labour authorities, working for Tory authorities, whether they are working in rural areas or urban areas, whether they are working in primary schools or secondary schools."

Under union rules it requires a two-thirds majority in a school before teachers can be brought out on strike. In all, about 1,700 schools are being balloted this week, involving 24,000 of the union's membership. If they decide to come out on strike they will receive full pay from the union which also guarantees to make up any loss of pension benefit.

Mr McAvoy said that the schools to be called out next Tuseday would be known this eveing, giving local education authorities, through headteachers, time to give notice to parents.

The traditionally moderate 90,000-strong Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association has announced the result of a ballot of its members on refusing to cover classes for teachers absent from school. Mr Peter Smith, its deputy general secretary, said that there had been a 73 per cent vote in favour of the action and not one single branch had voted against it. The action will start next week.

Hesitant Dutch anger Heseltine

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato's Defence Ministers are seriously worried about the increasing danger that the Netherlands may refuse to carry out its commitment of stationing 48 Cruise missiles on its territory.

At yesterday morning's restricted session of Nato's defence planning committee Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, sharply attacked his Dutch colleague, Mr Jacob de Ruiter, saying that the Soviet leadership would believe that they were succeeding in their propaganda campaign against the West and so encourage them not to resume arms control negotiations.

A Nato official added that Mr Heseltine's strong stand was supported by the US Secretary of Defence, Mr Caspar Weinberger and most of the other ministers.

Mr de Ruiter took note stolidly of the strictures of his colleagues. He said that he had no power to intervene but that the decision was thas of his Goverment to whom he would report the concern of his allies.

"Arms control has from the start played a major role in forming our attitude," he said, pointing out that in 1979, on the day of the two-track decision, the Dutch Government had made a reservation concerning deployment of missiles in the Netherlands. There was no question of going back on an earlier commitment but merely returning to the 1979 position, he added.

"The Netherlands is and will be and must remain a good and loyal ally," he said.

The main concern of Ministers, according to Nato sources, is not the loss of 48 cruise missiles – they could be stationed elsewhere – but that the hard-won solidarity which allowed deployment to begin last December should now unravel.

Budget fall-out, page 5

MPs to get tax-free expenses

By Anthony Bevins Political Correspondent

A Commons committee yesterday passed a clause in the Finance Bill exempting from tax a £6,163 expenses allowance for MPs, without one word of debate.

The additional costs allowance is designed to reimburse an MP "who necessarily incurs extra expenditure in staying away from his only or main residence for the purposes of performing his parliamentary duties."

Since it was introduced in 1971 the allowance has been taxable as an emolument, although MPs, like everyone else could claim for expenses incurred "wholly, exclusively or necessarily" in performing their duties.

Clause 28 of the Finance Bill frees the allowance from tax liability, but about 30 MPs who have been claiming tax against expenses substantially in excess of £6,163 will lose that entitlement.

When the clause was reached after 1 am yesterday, no one rose to speak and the clause was accepted unopposed.

It is understood, however, that there had been some nervousness on the Government's side of the House. Mr John Wakeham, the Chief Whip, was seen waiting outside the committee room and Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the Conservative backbench 1922 Committee went into the room at the time the clause was called.

Some MPs suspect that the change is designed to compensate backbenchers for the Government's failure to increase salaries in line with recommendations from the Top Salaries Review Body.

Other MPs suspect that some of the claims for expenses in excess of £6,163 have been so "horrendous" that the Treasury has been forced to take action.

Either way, ministers were keen that little publicity should be given to the delicate and potentially embarrassing operation

Pretoria admits forcing blacks to move

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa has conceded that almost two million black people have been "relocated" since 1960, but maintains that only 456,860 of these were moved for what could be called "ideological reasons".

The figures were given this week by Dr Piet Koornhof, the Minister for Cooperation and Development, who is responsible for black affairs, partly in response to a report published last year which estimated that nearly three and a half million blacks had been forcibly resettled in pursuit of apartheid ideology.

Dr Koornhof said that there had been "an element of force in some removals", but added that relocation was now "development-oriented" and that the Government was "trying not to have to move people by force as far as this is humanly possible".

The minister dismissed the five-volume Surplus People's Project report, a painstakingly and scientifically researched work by a group of concerned academics, as propaganda which was full of "half truths, quarter truths and 10 per cent truths".

Liberal groups concerned with the promotion of black rights, such as the Black Sash, run mainly by white women, and the South African Institute of Race Relations, were quick to accuse Dr Koornhof of juggling with figures and semantic definitions.

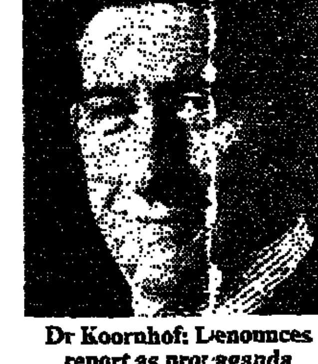
It was irrelevant whether three and a half million, two million or half a million people who had been moved when this had happened against their will, spokesmen for the two organizations declared.

Mr John Kane-Berman, director of race relations institute, said it was significant that Dr Koornhof had admitted that forced removal was taking place as the Government had persistently denied that this had occurred.

The Surplus People's Project calculated that a further one and three quarter million people could be faced with resettlement in the future.

Dr Koornhof did not explain on what basis some removals were to be regarded as "ideological" and others not. All resettlement ultimately is related to the Government's policy of seeking to keep the races apart, the essence of apartheid, which involves confining as many black as possible in tribal reserves.

An insight into the Government's thinking is provided by recently confirmed plans to move the entire black population of the Cape Town area, between 250,000 and 300,000 people, to a new township on the windswept sand dunes of False Bay, about 20 miles away, by the year 2000. The Government argues that this is a simple case of slum clearance.



Dr Koornhof: Denounces report as propaganda

Woolwich may raise all mortgage rates

Woolwich Equitable, the only big building society not to charge extra for large loans, is considering putting up its mortgage rate for all borrowers instead, Peter Wilson-Smith, Our Banking Correspondent, writes.

Most societies have a differential rate structure. Much of their lending, usually on loans over £25,000 and sometimes on amounts as small as £15,000, is carried out above the Building Societies Association's advised mortgage rate of 10.25 per cent.

Woolwich is under pressure to do something because it has been flooded with mortgage applications. At present it favours introducing its own mortgage rate, slightly above the BSA's advised rate, the next time there is a change in building society rates.

Jenkins calls for union 'co-op' to handle pay claims by staff

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Clive Jenkins, whose own union's employees are taking industrial action over a pay claim has raised the prospect of unions forming an employer's style of federation to handle wage negotiations in the future.

Mr Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs has written to the general secretaries of more than 60 unions calling for cooperation among union leaderships over staff relations.

ASTMS Staff who are members of the Association of Professional Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff (Apex) have been taking industrial action over a 3.8 per cent pay offer which has been rejected by the 220 office workers. They are taking part in stoppages one day each week and banning overtime.

Mr Jenkins's letter said: "A number of unions have expressed interest in the possibility of a collective response and indeed one idea being canvassed is that we should have a common collective bargaining forum. At the very least we ought to have an exchange of information on the salaries and conditions

"It may well be that this should be a matter for a meeting. We are not at this point suggesting a common 'employers federation' approach but a liaison on data seems sensible", the letter says.

The ASTMS dispute is the second extensive programme of official disruption organized by Apex in union offices in the past six weeks. Staff at the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union staged a four-week strike over the union's plan to declare compulsorily redundant its data-control mamager.

That dispute has now gone to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC who has been asked to recommend a settlement.

Apex organizes staff in almost 70 unions and has negotiating agreements with about three quarters of the leading unions. It has an arm's length relationship with many unions because it regards some as bad employers.

Civil Service rift

A left-wing move to press for the resignation of Mr Alistair Graham as leader of the largest Civil Service union ended in disarray yesterday after a split between the Militant Tendancy and other left groups in the union.

Mr Graham, general secretary of the politically volatile Civil and Public Services Association, had given a warning beforehand that he would resign and seek reelection if the resignation call had been backed by the union conference

An alliance of right-wingers and a loose grouping of Communists, Labour Party left supporters and the Socialist Workers Party prevented the resignation motion being discussed.

The split in the left arose through fears that in a subsequent election Mr Graham would win a crushing victory over Militant's choice, Mr John MacCreadie.

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Faces of grief: Relatives of Marie Payne, aged four, who was found dead in Epping Forest, watching near Barking Magistrates' Court, in Essex, yesterday when Colin James Evans, a lorry driver, was further remanded in custody for three days charged with murdering the girl. Mr Evans, aged 44, of Russell Street, Reading, Berkshire, made no application for bail. Police put up barricades outside the court to hold back a crowd of about 200 people who gathered an hour before Mr Evans arrived. There were jeers and boos when he left, his head covered by a blanket. As the police van was driven slowly past the barricades to the police station near by two men thumped its roof, denting it. An aunt of Marie Payne, collapsed on the pavement

Labour in disarray over dispute

By Annthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Labour disarray over the miners' strike was yesterdaty exposed by strong criticism of Mr Neil Kinnock's leadership and a clear left-right rift over party support for industrial action which had not been endorsed by a national ballot.

Mr Dennis Skinner, the outspoken MP for Bolsover, told a meeting of the parliamentary Labour Party in the Commons that Mr Kinnock should force a censure debate on the 10-week strike.

He said afterwards: "I told them to get off the fence, stop shadow boxing, stop fudging and mudging: show some real leadership."

● Mr Bill Keys, the general secretary of Sogat '82, the print union, said yesterday that he would call all members out if the Government failed to meet the miners' pay demands. He was addressing the union's conference in Bournemouth, where delegates voted unanimously to answer a strike call.

Pit strike legality to be tested in court

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The legality of the miners' strike is to be tested in the High Court by moderate pitman from Nottinghamshire who want to carry on working.

Preliminary moves for an unjunction against area and natiinal leaders off the National Union of Mineworkers are expectdto begin tomorrow, and the court casecould have a critical bearing on the course of the ten-week old stoppage.

The legal action has been started by three miners, Mr Colin Clarke and Mr Howard Shooter, both of Pye Hill colliery, and Mr John Liproot, of Sherwood pit, who are suing on behalf of themselves and other union members at their pits.

The application for an injunction against the strike comes as the National Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, insists that the gulf between the two sides may not be as wide as hitherto thought. "I do not think we are very far apart - a great deal of rhetoric has been spoken that is not related to the situation.

"The dispute will be resolved when people get down to realizing what the future is. There are no winners and losers in this situation - everybody loses."

The discreet moves by pit managers' and deputies' unions to get the NUM and the board to hold informal peace talks could be affected by the High Court case, which follows a writ issued against miners' leaders seeking an injunction against the union, pending hearing of the main compalint that the men are entitled to work unless the strike is made official, locally or nationally.

Anall-out strike threatened by dockers in Scotland was averted yesterday after steel and transport union officials reached an undisclosed peace formula for the handling of coal supplies at Hunterston.

Dock workers had said that they would halt all Scotland's 30 ports from Monday in protest at the action of cranemen who belong to the steel union defying a blacking order to unload coal

Walker plea to miners

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for energy, yesterday appealed directly to striking miners who had been "duped into a pointless and futile strike by propaganda with a political motive."

In a London speech to the Coal Merchants' Federation he said: "If I could have one wish it would be that, this evening, every miner in the country could, in the peace of his own home, free of all harassment, contemplate the reality of what is on offer to him and his industry."

In making their choice, miners should weigh up five facts: noone who wanted to continue working as a miner would be prevented from doing so; the pay offer was greater than the power workers' and gas workers' settlement; no one was out to butcher the industry; even a partial strike would threaten conversions to coal; Britain could become a great coal exporting nation."



Mr Loates: described as slim, scruffy, 5ft 9ins tall

TV plea for children

Parents of three missing children went on television yesterday to plead with them to get in touch or for the man believed to be with them, Mr Leslie Loates, an amusement arcade manager, to send them home.

The mother of Ian Ward, aged 15, speaking for all the families, said on TV-am: "Come home again. You have had your fun, just come home. We are all worried. Mr Loates – please let him phone up today."

The three children – Ian Ward, and Denise Boezalt and Emma Bishop, both aged 12, disappeared on Saturday after a visit to the Fairplay Arcade, in north London, where Mr Loates used to work.

All three families believe the disappearance was premeditated. Ian took his National Insurance card and birth certificate.

Car discount 'madness' attacked

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

Mr Alan Dix, director general of the Motor Agents Association, yesterday attacked the discount war being waged by the big car manufacturers as "a collective madness". Three out of every four dealers were selling new cars at "suicidally" unprofitable prices.

He said that anonymous showroom visits by the association, which represents most of Britain's 8,000 franchised car dealers, revealed that 75 per cent offered unsolicited discounts of up to 15 per cent, £1,000 on the average family car.

He told a Heathrow conference of nearly 400 of the country's biggest car dealers that last year 2,401 motor traders went out of business because of the discount war.

"Regrettably there are as many as 40 per cent of franchised dealers who are about as professional as someone exploring the Amazon basin in a bathtub, armed with a golf umbrella for protection and a pocketful of Glacier Mints for sustenance," he said.

The salesman who gave discounted prices over the telephone was "foolish", because he played into the hands of the motorist who rang around until he found someone daft enough to give away all his profit.

Police raid a second gay club in Soho

By Rupert Morris

Another Soho gay club was raided by the police on Tuesday night in what club managers were claining yesterday was an intensified campaign in the aftermath of the Hampson affair.

Witnesses said they saw between 10 and 15 uniformed police entering the Colt Club in Berwick Street, apparentlyafter being summoned by plain-clothes police inside. They said the manager was arrested.

Staff in gay clubs near by said yesterday that the police has been making daily raids

But Mr Russell McLeod, manager of the Gay Theatre, also in Berwick Street, where Dr Hampson The Conservative MP for Leeds North-West, was arrested after an alleged indecent assault on a plain-clothes policeman, said the police had not been to his club since the weekend, when Dr Hampson resigned as Parliamentary private secretary to Mr Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence.

Scotland Yard said it had no news yesterday of the amendments to the Rules on plain-clothes policing of clubs which Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, promised earlier this week to introduce. It is understood that these amendments will specifically ban plain-clothes police from acting as "agents provocateurs"

Thatcher is accused of 'encouraging conflict'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Prime Minister was accused yesterday by Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's deputy leader, of encouraging industrial conflict because she finds it politically convenient.

In a fierce attack on the Government's attitude to unions he said that it had chosen to portray them as the enemies of society and was making a biased attempt to emasculate them because they represented an obstacle to the creation of the society Mrs Thatcher wanted to build.

The Government's approach, he told the Inland Revenue Staff Federation conference in Blackpool, was characterized not by a desire for industrial peace and economic success but by blind prejudice and cynical bias.

Because the unions were opposed to intentionally increased unemployment and reduced public services they were denounced, denigrated and made scapegoats for the Government's economic failures, Mr Hattersley, Labour's chief spokesman on economic affairs said.

The Conservative Government's approach to the public sector was "take it or leave it". For the teachers there was to be no arbitration, no conciliation, no real negotiation – "just a crudely and incompetently presented offer

Sale room

London dealers in record bid for Dutch silver

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

An auction price record for Dutch silver was set by two London dealers, Koopman and Armitage, when they paid 880,000 Swiss francs (estimate 300,000 to 400,000 frs) or £275,000 at Sotheby's Geneva sale on Tuesday for two silver-gilt tazzas, richly embossed with landscapes and allegorical nymphs, dating from around 1600.

The two dealers often bid in partnership. Ten days ago they set an auction price record for any silver object of £484,000 at Sotheby's in London. Both have rich clients, among them Mr Al Tajir, the United Arab Emirates ambassador in London, but they refuse to act as agents at auction, buying on their own account for resale.

They bought three of the five most expensive lots in Sotheby's Geneva sale. A silver-gilt *surtout de table* by Charles-Nicolas Odiot, dating from 1828, cost them 170,500 frs (estimate 150,000 frs) or £53,125. They also bought a tapering cylindrical beaker of 1664 by Antoni Magnus, engraved with figures and grotesque masks after Bosse and Callot for 132,000 frs (estimate 50,000 to 70,000 frs) or £41,250.

An unnamed bidder linked to the auction room by telephone paid 605,000frs. (estimate 500,000 frs.) or £189,062 for a pair of silver-gilt stags, standing on heavily-embossed bases. They were made in Augsburg by Johann Ludwig Biller I in about 1700.

65 injured as train hits buffers

By Patricia Clough

Sixty-five people were injured yesterday when a train hit the buffers at Liverpool Street station in London.

The 200 passengers on the 9.41am from Braintree, Essex, many of whom had been standing up preparing to get out, were thrown on to the floor and seats. Some, who had started to open the doors, fell out on to the platform.

Forty of the injured, two of them unconscious, were taken by ambulance to St Bartholomew's Hospital, where a ward was cleared and extra staff were called in.

Five people were detained, one with several fractured ribs, the others with neck injuries or for observation. A hospital spokesman said that no one was in a serious condition.

The rest were treated for face and head injuries, cuts, bruises, sprains or shock and later discharged. A station official said that about 25 other passengers had been hurt but did not go to hospital. Many were shoppers travelling on cheap day return tickets.

A policeman wheeling an injured passenger to a waiting ambulance.

No early publication of social security reports

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The findings of two of the Government's key inquiries in its wide-ranging review of the social security system will not be published separately before a green or white paper setting out the Government's proposals for change, it became clear yesterday.

The reviews – on supplementary benefit, benefits for children and young people and housing benefit – are also being conducted on a "nil cost" basis, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services indicated after announcing further details of the reviews.

With the inquiry on pensions under way, Mr Fowler said that there was a "working assumption" that the reviews will work within the present social security budget of £37,000m.

Ministers hope to consider their propos ls at the end of the year.

The reviews by Mr Rhodes Boyson, the Minister responsible for social security, on benefits for children and young people, and by Mr Anthony Newton, the Minister responsible for the disabled, on supplementary benefit, will be coordinated by a central unit inside the Department of Health and Social Security. It will also work with the housing benefit review, chaired by Mr Jeremy Rowe, deputy chairman of the Abbey National Society, whose report is likely to be published.

The unit will also consider issues such as the part unemployment benefit plays in the social security system.

Mr Michael Meacher, Labour's spokesman on social services said that the reports were clearly to be "vetted" before publication.

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City tower block 'will sweep away disorder'

By Robin Young

The Mies van derRohe tower block which Mr Peter Palumbo propses to build adjacent to the Mansion House in the City of London would reveal and complement the architectural masterpieces in the area whicle sweeping away "a random disorder of dilapidated Victorian kitsch which could be only defended on grounds of nostalgia", a public inquiry at Guildhall was told yesterday.

Professor Colin Wilson, head of the department of architecture at Cambridge University and architect of the British Museum extension and British Library building, was supporting the Mies design commissioned by Mr Palumbo, which is opposed by the City corporation, the Greater London Council, and conservation groups.

Correction

A report in *The Times* on April 5, should have stated that a crematorium must not be operated within 50 yards of a road or within 200 yards of people's homes.

Code for civil servants

By Peter Hennessy

Sir Douglas Wass, former joint head of the Home Civil Service, yesterday unveiled a voluntary code of conduct, which he wants the Government to adopt for civil servants wishing to take up business appointments.

He said that all retiring senior civil servants should sign it and those who refused should be reported to the all-party Commons Treasury and Civil Service committee, to which he was presenting his evidence.

Sir Douglas wanted two members of the select committee to be coopted to the advisory committee which considers the cases

Racecourse groundsman 'given £50'

A racecourse groundsman told the jury in the "Flockton Grey" trial at York Crown Court yesterday that a "tick-tack" man had rewarded him with £50 for information about the race at the centre of an alleged swindle.

Mr Albert Butles said that Mr "Curly" Wood the bookmaker's assistant, had contacted him several times to ask about the condition of the Leicester course. He reported the £50 gift to the Clerk of the Course.

The hearing continues today.

Skinner inquest

The morose, lonely man caught up in a secret war

From Richard Owen in Moscow and John Witherow

No 148 Leninsky Prospekt is a bleak, 16-storey tower block on the outskirts of Moscow. Dennis Skinner lived there alone on the twelfth floor.

He was morose, not given to socializing. He once had an alcohol problem, but mastered that and became obsessed with his health, consuming vitamins and jogging.

Mr Skinner had lived in Moscow for 13 years and, like many an expatriate who wilts in the atmospher of constant suspicion, he suffered fits of depression. His diary revealed an intensely lonely and isloated man.

But Mr Skinner was a much-respected member of the business community, one of the most experienced and least volatile of a group that is prepared for Moscow's social wasteland.

It was a shock when on June 15, 1983, he delivered a note to a neighbour, Mrs Valerie Cane.

It said that he might be arrested at the Queen's official birthday party that evening and that he could identify a spy in the British security services.

Asking her to contact the embassy, he added: "Do this or I am dead."

At the reception, Mr John Burnett, the security officer, spoke to Mr Skinner who seemed more sanguine.

Afterwards the embassy took him to a dacha outside Moscow where, sitting in front of loudspeakers to lessen the risk of bugging, he explained his fears.

The coroner: Dr Mary McHugh, acquired a certain notoriety for trying to hold the case in camera because she suggested British Intelligence was involved.

Lord Justice Watkins described her as a "mistress of discourtesy" and very stubborn when overuling her in March in the High Court.

The Foreign Office, Home Office and Attorney General, Sir Michael Havers, told Dr McHugh that national security was not at issue.

Dr McHugh, aged 68, whose mother was French, repeatedly clashed with counsel for the Crown, Mr Andrew Collins, who had stated that he might ask for a hearing in camera if the case became sensitive.

At the end of her summing up Mr Collins tried to point out inaccuracies in her version of events but he was overuled.

Although Dr McHugh instructed the jury not to return a suicide verdict because of lack of evidence, she did not rule out a verdict of unlawful killing.

But her description of the open verdict as "a great waste of time and public money" will not please the many judges who have emphasized that it is a perfectly respectable verdict.

Interviewed for three hours

Never, Mr Burnett told the inquest in Croydon, Surrey, did he question Mr Skinner about a British spy. He said it was better left with London and that he had immediately sent the security services to note.

If Mr Skinner had been in contact with MI6, as if his wife alleged, it may have been known to only one or two embassy staff.

The next day, Mr Skinner was interviewed for three hours at the embassy in secure room.

Mr Skinner told Mr Burnett and Mr David Ratford, the minister, that he had been in touch with the KGB for many years and that his contact, "Alec", bore a grudge and was determined to have him arrested.

Alec wanted Mr Skinner to persuade Lyudmilla to return to Moscow. They failed and Alec faced being disciplined by the KGB.

That version was challenged by Mrs Skinner. She said no one had tried to get her to return.

But Mr Skinner thought that Alec might use pretexts for his arrest. The embassy did not seem to take Mr Skinner too seriously.

The next morning, Mr Skinner telephoned Mr Ratford at 5.45am. Speaking on a line that was almost certainly tapped, he said the charge was espionage and they would keep him like cabbage to control his wife. "Have you got the message?" he asked enigmatically.

Within three hours Mr Skinner weas dead. His broken, barefoot body lay hundreds of feet beneath the open windows of his apartment, a trackuit top over his head. Neighbours heard a sound like a distant gunshot.

The Russian police carried out a post-mortem examination and said that his apartment had been locked from inside. They said it was a clear case of suicide.

But no one who knew Mr Skinner well believed he was the sort to kill himself. He had also given every indication that he would be returning to England on June 20.

His son Alexander, said Lyudmilla, was his religion. His obsession with his health was so he would live to see his grandchildren.

The version most widely accepted in Moscow is that Mr Skinner was being threatened to persuade his family to return.

The allegation is unanswered

What seemed likely was that he had maintained links with the KGB, possibly out of fear of reprisals to his family, and had told the British about these meetings. MI6 would naturally wish to know what information they sought.

To call him a double agent would be to glamourise his role. It seems he was caught in the middle of the secret war between East and West.

Yet his allegations of a spy in the British security services still remains.

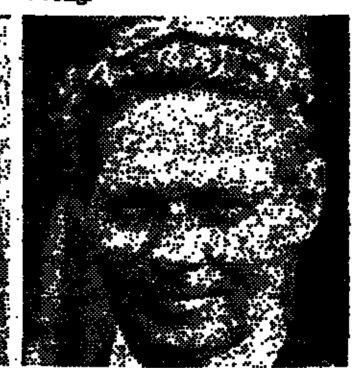
It has been linked with the arrest three months later of Michael Bettaney, who tried to pass information to the Russians in London.

Mr Ratford, asked at the inquest about the claim, said "it was an allegation only". He did not say that Mr Skinner was wrong.





The widow: Lyudmilla Skinner, aged 39, Russian-born but now a British citizen. Approached by the KGB in 1970 and told that Skinner was making their romance public to try to contact the Soviet secret police. She tried to warn him but he started liaison with two KGB controllers. Returned to Harrow, north London, in 1981 to oversee education of two sons.



The victim: Dennis Skinner, MBE, aged 54, representative in Moscow of ICL between 1968-74. Divorced from English wife, he married his secretary, Lyudmilla. One son, Alexander, aged eight; adopted son, Michael, aged 13. Returned to London with Russian wife and trained as banker. Returned to Moscow 1976 to represent Midland Bank

Silicon firm plans new British plant

By Jeremy Warner

Monsanto, the world's largest manufacturer of silicon for use in microelectronic chips, is to spend £35m over the next five years on a research and manufacturing facility at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, which will eventually employ more than 400.

The American company said it had chosen Milton Keynes as its European manufacturing base because of Britain's importance as a large and fast-growing manufacturing base for integrated circuits.

Milton Keynes was selected from 80 locations in eight European countries including France, Belgium and West Germany. The project will receive an unspecified amount of government aid. The Department of Trade and Industry described the amount as "modest but confidential". The number of direct investments by foreign companies in Britain grew by more than 50 per cent last year and the Department of Trade and Industry is budgeting for a jump this year.

The Milton Keynes Development Corporation claims to have created 50,000 jobs in the new town since it began in 1967 and attracted 20 high-technology electronic companies

Monsanto, which said that government assistance was not critical to its decision to invest in Milton Keynes, predicts that the worldwide market for silicon wafers will grow by more than 15 per cent a year over the next decade.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

BR attacked by watchdog for rude staff and late, overcrowded trains

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Increased passenger dissatisfaction with British Rail is chronicled in the annual report of the Central Transport Consultative Committee published yesterday.

The consumer watchdog said that complaints rose by 13 per cent. to more than 62,000 last year. They created an image of "overcrowded trains running late, dirty stations, and unhelpful staff."

But British Rail said that the increase was partly accounted for by administrative change. It now counted complaints, rather than complainants.

However, the report said that more passengers are having to stand, more trains are being cancelled or running late and too many staff, particularly at London terminals are rude. Staff failed to communicate information about delays – and often did not know the position themselves.

Mrs Alison Munro, chairman of the committee said that this week's "total breakdown" of the new timetable was typical. No timetables were available, telephone inquiry bureaux were jammed and there were long queues at travel centres.

Punctuality was appalling, with a quarter of trains arriving on time on some routes, Mrs Munro told at London press conference. "There is a sloppiness and lack of discipline throughout BR which seems to find it acceptable for a train to arrive five minutes from time. It is not.

"Like any other business, BR has not obligation to deliver its advertised service on time trains, catering, parking. It does not."

But Mrs Munro said that the londer term prospect for BR was promising, with "an enormous new drive for an improving railway" under its chairman, Mr Bob Reid. Government promptness in approving BR investments was praiseworthy.

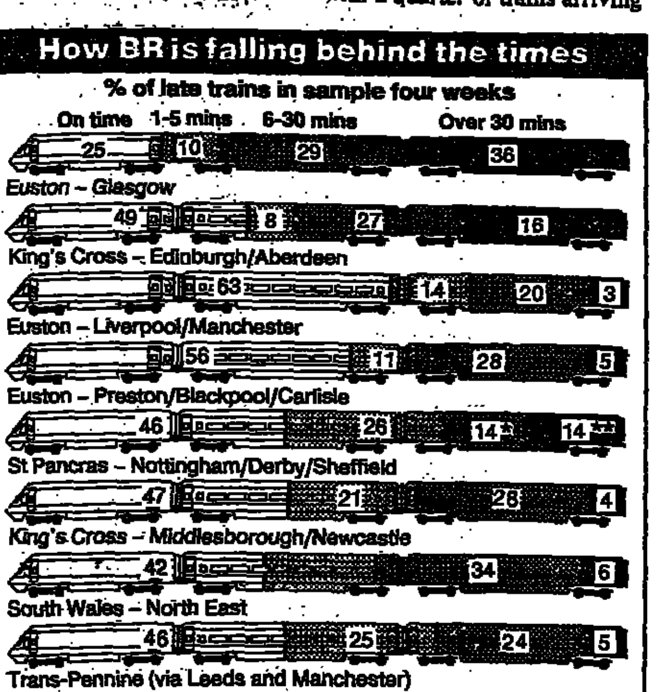
The committee acknowledged that BR had made "strenuous efforts" to imporve service. Telephone inquiry bureaux were much improved.

However, the withdrawal of first-class day return fares last year was described as "inept and badly handled". It affected the elderly, disabled, and businessmen, the majority of whom now appeared to travel by car or second class.

British Rail seemed to base its decision just on financial calculations, but the figures used were not convincing, Mrs Munro said.

Simplified fares were urgently needed. A three-tier fare structure, peak, off-peak, and promotional, was being considered for introduction next year, but there were many problems, the committee said.

As more Saver routes were introduced, passengers faced increasing complex restrictions which, coupled with the variety of price structures, caused much confusion.



Test-tube ethics under scrutiny

From Thomson Prentice, Helsinki

The world's top test-tube baby scientists will debate today the moral and ethical issues of their work, knowing that some of their research is pushing already against boundaries acceptable to society.

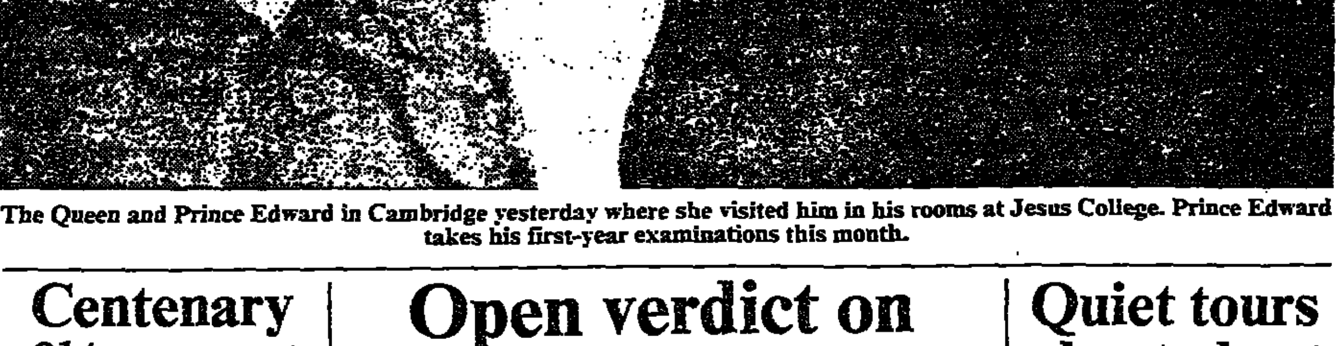
About 15 per cent of women succeed in having babies after *in vitro* fertilization (IVF), and the figure will remain low until techniques improve and scientists learn which embryos are healthiest and have the best chance of surviving pregnancy.

But the quest for answers to such questions inevitably presents ethical dilemmas, as the IVF congress in Helsinki heard yesterday.

In one example, a Danish team succeeded in growing an embryo for 10 days on a womb lining in a laboratory to study its behaviour. The experiment ended because Denmark prohibits the growing of embryos beyond 10 days.

Guidelines offered by the medical profession in Britain allow embryo growing for up to 18 days. Yesterday, the Bourn Hall team at Cambridge, headed by the IVF pioneers, Mr Patrick Steptoe and Dr Robert Edwards, said it had grown 192 embryos, some for 12 days, to observe their health and growth rates.

Predicting which embryos will survive after reimplantation in the womb is "practically impossible", according to scientists at the Royal Women's Hospital in Victoria, Australia.



The Queen and Prince Edward in Cambridge yesterday where she visited him in his rooms at Jesus College. Prince Edward takes his first-year examinations this month.

Centenary £½m grant to NSPCC

By Richard Dowden

With a grant of half a million pounds and praise for its "selfless" work, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, yesterday hailed a century of work by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Addressing the society's centenary annual council meeting at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, she said: "The need is as pressing now as it ever was" and statistics released yesterday supported her statement.

The rate of reported injury to children under the age of 15 in areas covered by the society had increased over the past five years from 43 per hundred thousand to 63 per hundred thousand.

To mark the centenary, Mrs Thatcher said, Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services "has decided to make available over the next three years a total of £500,000 towards headquarters costs.

An NSPCC appeal for £12m launched in January, has attracted £3m already. The target is in addition to the £8m the Society tries to raise each year for running costs.

Open verdict on asbestos worker

The Society for the Prevention of Asbestosis and Industrial Diseases claimed a significant breakthrough yesterday in its fight to help asbestos workers who contract stomach cancer, and their dependants.

A verdict recorded by the Kirklees, West Yorkshire, coroner, Mr James Turnbull, will give hope to relatives of workers who have died from stomach cancer after being exposed to heavy concentrations of asbestos dust over a 20-year period.

Mr Turnbull recorded an open verdict on Mr Dennis Kellett, aged 55, who worked for 32 years at the Mintex asbestos brake lining factory at Cleckheaton, although he said that it was not possible to say that the stomach cancer which killed Mr Kellett had resulted from asbestos or from being exposed to asbestos dust.

Up to now, medical panels investigating disability claims by workers in the asbestos industry have only accepted asbestosis and lung cancer as being inter-related to the cause of illness.

Since Mr Kellett's death at his home in Drub Lane, Gomersal, near Leeds, in August, 1982, the inquest on him had been adjourned three times as medical experts and the society carried out investigations.

Mr Turnbull said yesterday: "The overwhelming weight of medical opinion was that he died from cancer of the stomach, which as far as those medical experts could tell was not related at all to the industrial work he did. They would say he died from natural causes.

"However, the work being carried out in an attempt to establish what might or might not cause death from industrial diseases is continuing all the time. It is being intensively pursued and I don't think it would be right for me to record that Mr Kellett died from natural causes."

After the hearing the secretary of the society Mrs Nancy Tait, said: "Because of our involvement an electron microscope investigation was done on tissue taken from Mr Kellett's body and this revealed a massive concentration of asbestos fibres – 97 million fibres in a cubic centimetre of tissue.

"Today's verdict is a major breakthrough because it now leaves the way open for asbestos workers with stomach cancer to have a reasonable chance of getting disability payments from medical panels.

Quiet tours plan to beat pop protests

Mr Jack Blackburn, aged 69, and his wife, Jessie, stood up as shareholders at the anual meeting of Horizon Holidays in Birmingham yesterday to complain that holidays in Europe had been ruined for them by too much pop music.

The couple, of Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, said that many people especially older people, did not want continual music. Mr Blackburn asked for quite areas in hotels where it was possible to "get away from this infernal stuff".

He added: "Tell the coach drivers to ask the passenger before they switch on the music.

Mr Bruce Tanner, chairman and chief executive of Horizon, said that the group would consider quiet areas. He added that the conpany was introducing quiet holidays for older people next winter.

Barbara Cartland honoured

Miss Barbara Cartland, writer of romantic novels, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Her proposer, Mr Hugh Bennett, who runs a public relations business in Faversham, Kent, said: "She is the world's most prolific author, a writer of demonstrably high artistic merit, she works for charities such as the St John Ambulance Brigade and she is an export industry in herself."

Miss Cartland, who will be 83 in July, is in the United States this week to promote four of her books. Her seconder was Lord Brabourne, son-in-law of the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma.

Prince Andrew joins new ship

Prince Andrew, who finished a course in flying Lynx helicopters in March, is to fly to Devonport today to join his new ship the type 22 frigate, HMS Brazen. He is to be the pilot of the ship's sole helicopter, and his duties will include reconnaissance and anti-submarine work.

The Prince will spend the next month getting to know his shipmates and the frigate's equipment.

Scent of history for Prince

The Prince of Wales will open the £2.6m Jorvik Viking centre in Coppergate, York, today, where remains of a Viking settlement were discovered eight years ago.

An air-conditioning company has recreated the smells of rotting rubbish, woodsmoke, herrings and eels. The Prince has supported the project to build an authentic replica of the Viking city of Jorvik.

Inquest delay

The inquests on the six people, including three police officers, who were killed in the Harrods bombing on December 17 were further adjourned until June 4 at Westminster Coroners Court yesterday.

German food boom

Sales of West German food and drink, which a generation ago was little known or appreciated in Britain are now worth about £1,000m a year.

According to CMA, the marketing organization for the West German food industry, the most popular products include cheese, cooked sausages, biscuits and cakes, chocolate and yoghurts.

The British drank more than 83 million litres of German beer last year and more than 96 million litres of wine.

Girls 'do better in single-sex schools'

By Nick Wood of the *Times Educational Supplement*

Girls attending single sex schools are more liekly to achieve success in science, mathmatics, computing and technology that their counterparts at mixed schools, the headmistress of a leading girls' independent school said yesterday.

Mrs Pauline Mathias, headmistress of More House School in London and chairman of the Independent Schools Information Service, said that there was nothing desirable or inevitable about the drift towards coeducational schooling in the maintained and private sectors.

Girls-only schools were better than mixed shools at countering society's built-in bias against girls pursuing studies and careers in the sciences and technology, she said.

Since many of their senior staff are women, unlike coeducational schools, they also give girls firm evidence that women can rise to positions of authority.

"If a girl is good at mathematics, she opts for A-level maths without any other consideration than her own interest, her ability and her future career," Mrs Mathias said.

"No fear of competition from boys, no feeling that the subject is unfeminine deters her - and she will probably have some women teachers as living proof that girls can succeed in the discipline", Mrs Mathias told a conference in London organized by the Council for Independent Education.

It was vital that girls gain qualifications and equip themselves for a career, Mrs Mathias added. Nearly one in two of the workforce is a woman, one in four marriages end in divorce and one in fiv families have a woman as the sole breadwinner.

Cambridge set to reform admissions

By Paul Flather Times Higher Education Supplement

Cambridge University colleges are set to reform their entrance procedures after a survey which shows most school heads favour abolishing the special entrance examination for undergraduate applicants.

The survey indicates that 59 per cent of all head teachers support the abolition of the examinations and prefer admissions based on A and S (scholarship) levels, interviews, and school reports. Thirty one per cent of heads opposed the scheme, and 10 per cent abstained.

The survey was conducted by a working party of college tutorial representatives set up to investigate possible reforms to the admissions system. It received 2,139 replies in response to 4,530 questionnaires.

The strongest opposition to the present system came from maintained schools, which often complain of difficulties in providing the extra coaching needed by the Cambridge and Oxford special examinations. Only 34 per cent of private school heads favoured abolition.

Most heads also favoured a change in the timing of the examinatons, if they were to be retrained. At present they are taken in the fourth or seventh term of the sixth form. A total of 51 per cent voted for a sixth term examination, with 38 per cent against, and 11 per cent neutral.

Tutors from the 26 main undergraduate colleges will meet next week to discuss the survey, and to study a second report advocating a new examination modelled on the S level, to be taken by all applicants with A levels after two years in the sixth form.

Machete man wanted revenge on Libyans

A man arrested carrying a machete near the Libyan Embassy during the siege there last month wanted to avenge the death of WPC Yvonne Fletcher, Bow Street Magistrates' Court was told yesterday.

Anthony Kessler, a gardener, aged 43, dressed in Arab clothes and tried to go into the embassy to talk to the people there "to sort out their problems."

Kessler, of Primrose Hill Road, Belsize Park, north-west London, admitted to having an offensive weapon and was given a two-year conditional discharge.

The magistrate, Mr Clifford Chatterton, told him: "What you did was very serious."

Former diplomat fined for gross indecency

The former British High Commissioner to Canada, Sir Peter Hayman, was fined £100 and ordered to pay £45 costs yesterday after being found guilty of committing an act of gross indecency

Sir Peter, aged 69, of Checkendon, Oxfordshire, pleaded not guilty to the charge at Reading Magistrates' Court.

He denied a second charge of attempting to commit the act but that was not proceeded with.

Leonard Beach, aged 35, a lorry driver, of Doverton Way, Newbury, Berkshire, was also fined £100 with £45 costs after being found guilty of committing an act of gross indecency.



Stacy Keach, aged 43, television private detective Mike Hammer who was committed on bail to Reading Crown Court by Uxbridge magistrates yesterday, accused of trying to smuggle £4,550 of cocaine into Britain.

Evidence of museum's former 'glory'

By Our Architecture Correspondent

The publication today of an original colour picture of the Front Hall of the British Museum as it was when built is likely to fuel the dispute between conservationists, led by the Georgian Group, and Sir David Wilson, the museum's director, over redecoration plans.

The original polychromatic design included blue, green, red, maroon and ochre/green panels edged with maroon on the lower walls, and gold stars on a blue background in the ceiling recesses, were applied agaist grey-buff.

A contemporary watercolour by Leonard Collman, dated 1847, was found in the museum's Print Room. It is published in today's issue of *Country Life*.

Conservationists say they want the interiors restored to their former glory as opposed to the museum's proposed "cold shades of gry and white".

Reactor to go

The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority has been granted permission to dismantle the Advanced Gas Cooled Reactor at Sellafield, Cumbria. The authority says it will dispose of 16,000 tonnes of waste, 30 tonnes of it highly radioactive.

Bailiffs act over unpaid music licence

From Our Correspondent Wolverhampton

Bailiffs have cleared out the one-man hairdressing salon of Mr Leslie Farrar, leaving him with just "three pairs of scissors and a couple of combs" after a dispute with the Performing Rights Society.

Mr Farrar, aged 38, a married man with two children, has worked in his salon in Anchor Road, Aldridge, near Walsall, West Midlands, for the past eight years. He has declined to take out one of the society's £25 licences for relaying broadcast copyright music to his customers. The society maintains that with court costs his debt to them is now £400.

Yesterday, 24 hours after the bailiffs had removed his barber's chair, mirrors, clippers and "anything they could lay their hands on", including his electric kettle, Mr Farrar explained that during the Falklands conflict his customers were anxious to hear the news bulletins "so I switched on the radio in my office at the back of the shop".

"One day a man in the shop said he represented the society and I would have to pay £25 for a licence to broadcast the music. I had never even heard of the society so I declined," Mr Farrar said.

"The society then sent me warning letters which I ignored and eventually they informed me that with costs I owed them £400. I couldn't believe it because at no time was I ever told of any court hearing. I would have welcomed any chance to defend myself.

"What disturbs me is that I can be treated like this . . . without being able to say a word in my own defence. Fortunately I have made arrangements to continue in business."

Mr Alan Morris, an inspector for the society in the area, said: "We would do almost anything rather than go to these lengths. He just wouldn't take advice."

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Minister insists BAe must stay under UK control

MERGER

If the proposed merger between Thorn-EMI and British Aerospace is to go ahead, the Government will require the new company to agree arrangements which would continue to effect to the undertaking given when British Aerospace was privatized – that the company would not pass outside United Kingdom control, Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, said in a Commons statement.

He added that the precise nature of these arrangements would need to be determined in the light of circumstances.

Reporting on the announcement that the boards of Thorn-EMI and British Aerospace are having talks to explore the possibility of a merger, Mr Lamont said such a merger would fall to be considered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act, so that he could decide whether investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was required.

No decision on this point could be reached until details of a proposal had been studied and a recommendation received from the Director General of Fair Trading.

The Government (he said) will also require an undertaking that British Aerospace's participation in the Airbus programmes will continue.

Subject to these considerations and to studying the details of any proposal which may emerge from the present exploratory discussions, the Government does not see any reason which would justify using its shareholding in British Aerospace to impede such a merger if it proved acceptable to a majority of the remaining shareholders.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, said it was a thoroughly bad and muddled statement, and possibly a disgraceful statement. It was an astonishingly passive approach by the Government to an industry in which it had major responsibility.

Does he think it sensible (he asked) to allow a firm successful in colour television and video and in marketing various pop groups to have responsibility for looking after the development of Britain's largest company in civil and military aviation and missile technology?

He asked for a renewed undertaking that the words used by the previous Secretary of State, about no large proportion of shares falling into foreign hands, would stand.

If not we shall want to bring him to account (he said). There will have to be a major debate because you cannot give undertakings of this kind and lightly abandon them.

It was vital to defence and the future of the aerospace industry that it must remain under Government control.

Mr Lamont said that Mr Shore was over-reacting. The Government position was that subject to the requirements he had listed, it was essentially neutral. If those considerations were satisfied he did not see why a merger should not go ahead. It would be wrong for him to comment on the industrial merits of the proposal.

The Government intended to maintain voting rights of more than 25 per cent in the company.

When the company might become merged, there would be an entirely new situation but the purpose of the Government shareholding was to ensure that control of British Aerospace remained financially within United Kingdom control and that commitment still applied.

Mr Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C): British governments have been well served by an efficient and competitive defence industry in which, until the 1977 Act they had no share. So ownership of shares is by no means necessary.

Will the minister give a categorical assurance that he will do nothing to interfere in the proper workings of the market but simply act as would any other shareholder.

Mr Lamont: There are many important defence companies which are competitive and in which the Government has no shareholding and in which there is no reason it should have.

It would be wrong if the Government used its shareholding to impose its view on others.

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan, Lab): As the Government has a 48 per cent share, this merger can only go ahead with positive Government encouragement and approval and it is irresponsible for the minister to say that it will be left to other shareholders, particularly in view of the undertakings at the time of privatization, which might soon be breached by the Government.

Mr Lamont: It is not irresponsible. It has been privatized and it would be wrong to go on treating it as if it were in the public sector.

Mr Michael Marshall (Arundel, C) said the employee shareholding scheme at the BAe had been successful.



Park: Government cannot stay at arm's length

Mr Lamont: Employee shareholders have about 4 per cent of the shares. Under the law, the same offer must be made to them as to other shareholders. They will have the opportunity to participate in the future of their company.

Mr Andrew MacKay (East Derbyshire, C) asked if launch aid for civil aircraft projects would still be available if the merger went ahead.

Mr Lamont: Launch aid is available for companies in the private sector regardless of the structure. This company would continue to be eligable for launch aid.

Mr George Park (Coventry North East, Lab): Since the Government is still a major shareholder surely the House is entitled to hear what the Government thinks of this proposal? It cannot stand back with this arm's length relationship. The Government must have made an assessment of the sheer competence ofthe people who propose to take on this company.

Mr Lamont: These are early days and no detailed proposition has yet been put forward. We must await such details. This company has been privatized. Mr Park may wish it was in the public sector but it is not.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C): If I was a Thorn shareholder, I would not touch it with a barge pole.

He said the proposal should go to the Monopolies Commission so that proprietary was seen to be done.

Mr Shore: Will he ensure that we will retain 25 per cent of the total shares?

Mr Lamont: The purpose of the 25 per cent shareholding of which we gave an undertaking, was to ensure there would be no foreign takeover.

We now have a new situation. Of course we wish to have similar safeguards to prevent a takeover of a vital British national interest and we will be looking at some appropriate way of doing this if the merger goes through.

Scottish police acting within the law

COAL DISPUTE

The police in Scotland had acted within the law during the miners' strike, Mr Peter Fraser Solicitor General for Scotland, said when Scottish MPs complained about tactics adopted by the police. During questions in the Commons, Mr Fraser said that up to yesterday 504 people had been arrested and charged by police.

Most had been charged with either breach of the peace or obstructing the police, athough other charges including vandalism and possession of an offensive weapon had also been brought.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said busloads of miners were arrested near Glasgow after police ordered them to stop their journey to Hunterston. This was an excessive use of police powers. It was doing untold damage to police-community relations. To restore public confidence in the police, would the Solicitor General ask the Lord Advocate to instruct the Procurator Fiscal to drop all pending charges?

Otherwise (he continued) he will be encouraging the belief that we are on the verge of a police state. (Conservative protests)

Mr Fraser said if anyone was seeking to upset the well-established pattern of prosecutions in Scotland it was Mr Canavan. There was a clear and settled system whereby the police made reports to the Procurator Fiscal who made an independent assessment to decide if there should be prosecutions.

The cases Mr Canavan had mentioned were sub judice but the Scottish police had authority where they apprehended that there was a prospect of breach of the peace or another offence. They had the right to ensure that that offence did not take place.

They should be supported (he said) in the difficult and delicate tasks they have. It is not for Mr Canavan or his colleagues to seek to arrogate to themselves responsibility for determining if there had been a breach of the law in Scotland.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth and Kinross, C): If people come in busloads to stop others going to work they are committing offences which may be more serious than breach of the peace, maybe mobbing or rioting.

Mr Fraser: I am grateful for his clear perception of the law. Mr Fairbairn's predecessor in office has also told the Labour Party in Scotland and the Scottish TUC that the Scottish police are acting, in the dispute, within the law but that if they have operated outside the law it is a matter for the Scottish courts to determine and nobody else.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab) asked if advice to that effect had been given directly to chief constables or was it a judgment they made themselves without any advice from a law officer?

Mr Fraser said no specific advice was given. Chief constables and police officers were aware of their powers under the Police (Scotland) Act, 1967, passed by a Labour Government.

Mr Michael Forsyth (Stirling, C) said there was more concern about the hooliganism on the picket lines and the intimidation on the doorsteps of homes in the early hours of the morning.

Mr Fraser said some Labour MPs were more upset because people had been charged with offences which did not particularly relate to industrial disputes but to breaches of the peace, use of weapons, assault and obstructing the highway. These regularly came before the courts.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said people were worried about the extraordinarily wide use of police powers under the Police (Scotland) Act, 1967, particularly the way that fundamental rights of individuals to move about the country had been infringed on the rather doubtful premise that at some future date an offence might be committed.

Mr Fraser said the general proposition put by Mr Dewar was ludicrously wide. The police to date had operated within the existing law. If, in a particular case, they had gone beyond their powers it was for the courts to determine.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, report. Motion for spring adjournment. Lords (3.00): London Regional Transport Bill, committee, second day.

Concern at denial of right to buy

HOUSING

Mr Ian Gow, Minister for Housing and Construction, made it clear in a Commons written reply, that he would regard as indefensible action by county councils to deprive their tenants of their right to buy under the provisions of the Housing and Building Control Bill by evicting them before the Bill came into force.

Mr Derek Conway, (Shrewsbury and Atcham, C) had asked Mr Gow what recent representations he had received alleging that some county councils were taking actions aimed at pre-empting rights for tenants to be enacted in the Housing and Building Control Bill.

Mr Gow: I am aware of reports that tenancies are being terminated in order to frustrate the intentions of the Bill.

County councils are currently in a position to terminate many of their tenancies at a month's notice. That will remain the position until the Housing and Building Control Bill comes into effect. A tenancy which is terminated before the Bill takes effect will not be subject to its provisions.

It follows that county councils are in some cases able to frustrate the purposes of the proposed new legislation. The decisions are for them to take under the law as it stands. I consider it indefensible for any public authority to take steps against individuals and families to deprive them of rights which both Houses have concluded that they should have.

The Bill makes provision for certain tenancies to be excepted from security of tenure. These exceptions have been considered by both Houses of Parliament. Parliament has decided on a balance between the reasonable expectations of tenants and the need for county councils to retain control of housing needed for operational purposes.

There may be some cases in which it may be appropriate for a county council to adjust its tenancy arrangements in the light of the detailed provisions in the Bill.

I regard it as particularly indefensible if any tenant were to be evicted from a dwelling which is surplus to operational requirement simply so that that dwelling might be sold on the open market with vacant possession at a higher price.

Framework for modern policing

POLICE BILL

The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill remained both a law and order and a civil liberties measure, Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, said in moving its third reading in the Commons. A proper balance between the interests of society in curbing crime and the interests of the individual suspected of committing it, was maintained throughout.

The Bill's approach of clarifying the present state of the law to give the police the powers they needed and the public the safeguards they had the right to expect, was an essential part of his overall strategy to create more effective policing.

The Bill had received a thorough and searching review in committee and in the House which had in the past two days agreed to 245 amendments. Although the amendments improved the Bill its structure and principal provisions remained intact. It provided the right legal framework for modern policing.

Its critics had desperately tried to portray it as a vehicle for oppression, but the reverse was the truth. It was in the interests of society and the police that powers and safeguards should be clarified and set on a firm legal footing.

Policing which took place in a grey world of confusion between legality and illegality had no place in modern society. The police did not want that and nor did the public.

The public (he said) are shocked and rightly so when tragic incidents occur in police custody, but we cannot expect the police to prevent disturbed or dangerous people from inflicting wounds on themselves or those around them if we do not insure that the police have the power to have a doctor conduct or in the last resort themselves conduct intimate body searches to remove concealed weapons.

It is crucial (he said) that stronger, better, clearer safeguards should be provided for the individual in those areas where police powers are necessarily extended and in other areas, too. Police by nod, nudge and wink is unacceptable to the police and society alike.

Modern policing must be conducted without discrimination and with courtesy. And it must make fullest use of public cooperation. The Commissioner's new statement of aims for the Metropolitan Police and the complementary handbook of professional conduct would recognize these crucial points.

The Bill was based firmly on the key principles that the law governing the investigation of crime must be open, fair and practicable. It struck a fair balance between necessary powers and appropriate safeguards.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said almost all the beneficial changes in the Bill had come about as a result of Opposition pressure and not because of the Government's goodwill and wisdom.

There was now legal representation for policemen facing disciplinary charges and the possibility of a code of practice on stop and search. There were improvements in the system of detention and a tighter definition of intimate body samples. Also achieved were greater safeguards for people forcibly fingerprinted and a tighter definition of a serious arrestable offence.



Ashby: A Bill that demands consensus

But the Bill was still profoundly obnoxious. Stop and search powers were still intolerably wide. So were the road search and road block powers. Police could still forcibly carry out intimate searches.

The definition of journalistic material was still ludicrously imprecise and was a danger to press freedom. To claim that the Government had clarified the definition of journalistic material was another example of Mr Brittan's lack of familiarity with his own Bill.

On accountability, the Bill was little more than a charade. But, above all, there was the provision for detention without charge for up to 96 hours and detention without charge incommunicado for up to 36 hours. This was the most unacceptable infringement of liberty.

Police Federation representatives had told him that they did not want the Bill which imposed a mountain of bureaucracy.

The law society did not like it and certainly defenders of civil liberties did not like it, because it contained unprecedented infringements of civil liberty.

The Bill would do nothing to fight crime but would erode the liberties of millions of innocent people, because most of those stopped and searched or detained without charge incommunicado would be innocent. The next Labour Government would repeal the Bill.

Mr Roger Sims (Chislehurst, C) said it was a good Bill but he had reservations about the removal of the power of the police to undertake intimate searches for evidence. He also expressed concern about the cost of having magistrates' courts and officials standing by at weekends.

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab) said it was a dangerous Bill going in a totally wrong direction. Someone wrongly stopped and searched was potentially a friend lost to the police.

Mr David Ashby (North West Leicestershire, C) said he was going to vote against the Bill. A Bill which with such wide constitutional implications demanded consensus politics. It demanded agreement between the major factions in the House.

The most important part concerned the 96 hours detention without charge. With this maximum period of detention there was going to be less respect for the law and there might well be less respect for the police.

This (he said) is an important Bill in respect of civil liberties. There are parts of the Bill which are good but they are mere minnows when compared with the whale of the period of detention.

Mr Robert Maclennan (Caithness and Sutherland, SDP) said the progress of the Bill through the Commons had not wrought the improvements which would have enabled the SDP and Liberal parties to support the third reading.

The most serious defect was undoubtedly that relating to detention without trial. He did not think in a civilized society such a provision ought to stand.

The Bill was read the third time by 286 votes to 190 – government majority, 96.

Bill to stop political advertising

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Mrs Angela Rumbold (Mitcham and Morden, C) was given leave by 232 votes to 141 – majority, 91 – to bring in a Bill to prevent local authorities from incurring expenditure on advertising for party political purposes.

She said that to date the Greater London Council had spent in excess of £3m in this way. Sheffield and Lambeth had both produced videos to market their campaigns.

Over the past few months advertisements had been displayed in newspapers on a regular basis criticizing Government policy.

Money for political advertising should come from sources in full knowledge of the purpose for which it was to be spent.

Funds from rates and taxes should not be used for political purposes. Her Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising) Bill would ensure this by amending the Local Government Act 1972.

Mr Frank Dobson (Holborn and St Pancras, Lab), opposing the Bill, said the law on this matter was quite clear. Under section 137 of the Local Government Act an authority could incur expenditure for any purpose which in its opinion was in the interests of its area and its inhabitants.

Mrs Rumbold apparently objected to efforts to inform local people of the consequences of the abolition of the GLC and the six metropolitan authorities. This was not a party political matter.

The Conservative Party (he said) wish to abolish certain councils and not content with that they want them to say "It's a fair cop guv'nor" and come quietly.

Uneconomic capacity a burden on coal industry

HOUSE OF LORDS

The mining dispute should be ended as quickly as possible if the coal industry was to benefit from the great potential advances that lay ahead of it, Lord Ezra, a former chairman of the NCB, said in opening a debate in the House of Lords on the need for a long-term energy strategy for the United Kingdom.

We have on the supply side of coal (he said) massive reserves of 45 billion tonnes of readily mineable coal which can last more than 300 years at present rates of extraction.

That was backed up by a highly skilled team of technicians and mine workers and great expertise in the extraction and use of solid fuel.

In spite of the decline in demand for energy, coal was in a strong position to compete with oil. In the long term there was the prospect of growth in coal demand throughout western Europe which, while some would be met from home resources, would provide an invitation to the British mining industry to compete.

Coal also represented the largest fossil fuel reserves in the world and was going to be needed as far ahead as could be seen, whatever other forms of fuel were developed.

The time had come for a broad review of energy strategy and it should be repeated every five years.

Lord Campbell of Croy (C) said any long-term and broad energy strategy must be flexible. It could not be a hard and fast plan. Coal must be kept competitive and saleable. Britain was the largest producer of coal in Europe and there were valuable and economic seams which would continue to be used when all the oil had been extracted.

The Earl of Halsbury (Ind) said that among the illusions from which Mr Scargill suffered was the belief that the Government was trying to extinguish the coal industry. They needed coal at economic prices.

Lord Diamond (SDP) said the Government had a responsibility to concern itself with the social consequences of its industrial policies and of the market forces in which it believed. He saw no reason why an attempt should not be made to repeat for the coal industry the experiment which had been so successful for the steel industry.

The miners' leadership had rejected a ballot in favour of a political battle and the Government could not avoid a political response. Its present stance of seeming to be indifferent to what was happening provided Mr Scargill not only with a platform but also a pedestal.

The Earl of Avon, Under Secretary of State for Energy, replying to the debate, said this Government, more than any other in history, had been willing to back its belief in the future of the coal industry with money and investment in modernization.

Miners had been given a high pay offer and generous redundancy or transfer terms and no miner had been made compulsorily redundant.

The Government's aim was to secure a productive and profitable coal industry for the future by massive investment designed to produce coal at a price that customers at home and abroad would buy.

Nuclear power had firmly established itself as a supply option for the UK and the Government expected it to play a significant role in meeting future energy needs.

The Government's approach was to encourage the maximum economic exploitation of energy resources, not by central direction, but by clearing the way for producers and consumers to reach the best possible understanding in the market.

The debate was concluded.

European elections

The following additions should be made to the list of candidates published yesterday for the European elections on June 14:

London North East: Batchelor, M. (C).

Lothians: Hendry, Miss L. (Ecol).

The Independent candidate at Greater Manchester Central is K. Martin.

The Westminster constituencies making up the Bedfordshire South European constituency should have included Stevenage and West Hertfordshire instead of Watford and Welwyn Hatfield.

Cost of Greenham

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State, Home Office, in a Commons written reply, said he understood that the Thames Valley police authority estimated the cost of policing Greenham Common since December 1982 to be just over £4m.

Money available to cure damp in houses

SCOTLAND

If local authorities wished to make the dampness which has been identified in Scottish houses their top priority they could make a quick start on the worst cases right away, Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Scotland, said at question time in the Commons. He announced that he is to meet the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities to discuss Scottish local government finance on June 22.

Mr Donald Dewar, chief Opposition spokesman on Scotland (Glasgow, Garscadden, Lab), had invited him to explain why further help could not be given for the dampness problem as his actions in this context were miserably inadequate.

He cannot (he went on) just shrug off the clear and stunning repudiation of his policies given in the district council elections and must bear that in mind when making decisions about selective abatement and any action against those local authorities he is pleased to think of in terms of over-spending.

Mr Younger: He should get the matter of dampness in perspective. The reports that were discussed by the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs showed that there was probably a need for something like £157m to be spent to put right the dampness which has been identified in Scottish housing whereas there is £227m in capital allocations in 1984-85.

Mr John Maxton (Glasgow, Cathcart, Lab): When he meets Cosla will he go in sackcloth and ashes? Will he apologize to them for past actions and make clear that he intends to withdraw all his previous legislation against local authorities in view of yet another overwhelming defeat for his Government and party in the last district elections, or is he going to continue as an arrogant, unelected dictator with no mandate to intervene in Scottish affairs?

Mr Younger: I have a responsibility to look after the national economy and Scotland's part in it. That is why I have to maintain my responsibility to make sure that no one spends more than the country can afford. I am still considering what suit to wear.

Mr Gordon Wilson (Dundee East, SNP): Why is he refusing to give any additional money earmarked for curing dampness in houses whereas he is prepared to allow the Treasury to give Northern Ireland over £40m oil revenue to which it is not entitled?

Mr Younger: The most relevant thing to discuss with Cosla is why it was that £22m allocated for the maintenance of housing in Scotland was forgone last year by irresponsible decisions of Labour authorities in Scotland. It could have been spent on eliminating the worst of the dampness.

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

"The tragedy is that there is clearly an anti-Thatcher majority in the country, but it is seriously split", Mr Alistair Graham, the general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, told his union's annual conference yesterday. It is a theme, or perhaps one should say a lament, that is heard increasingly on the left of British politics these days.

It is often accompanied by a plea that Labour, the Liberals and the Social Democrats should somehow get together to bring about a change of government after the next election. Mr Graham did not go that far. He called on the trade union movement to encourage the anti-Thatcher majority to coalesce in support of the Labour Party, on the ground that it is more likely to safeguard the interests of trade unions.

Had he gone further and proposed a deal between Labour and the Alliance he would presumably have given more ammunition to the militants in his union who are baying for his blood. He would also have been lending his weight as the rising star of realistic trade unionism to a proposition which has not been fully thought through.

It is not altogether clear what some of the proponents of an anti-Thatcher front have in mind. In so far as they are simply reminding all three parties of the possible need to form a coalition after the next election they are surely on firm ground. For Labour to remain adamantly opposed to forming any coalition with the Liberals or the hated Social Democrats would be foolish.

The party might simply be condemning itself to the wilderness. Labour might recapture power by itself at the next election; but, as Mr Graham reminded his conference yesterday, the mountain facing the party is enormous.

But the question that seems to be exercising most of those who think along these lines is not how to deploy an actual anti-Thatcher majority in the next House of Commons, but how to mobilize a potential anti-Thatcher majority in the next election. Here, it seems to me, talk of an anti-Thatcher front fails to take account of two decisive difficulties.

Two decisive difficulties

How could Labour and the Alliance avoid splitting the anti-Thatcher vote between them? We have seen how many tears have been shed by the Liberals and Social Democrats in sharing out the constituencies. Such an exercise would, I believe, be impossible with Labour. Imagine asking a Labour candidate to stand down for a Social Democrat.

In a number of constituencies no doubt the electorate would do the job for the parties by tactical voting, supporting the candidate from whichever party who seemed to stand the best chance of defeating the Conservative. To some extent that is happening already, but it is hard to believe that merely tactical voting could be taken far enough in sufficient constituencies to determine the outcome.

A still more serious difficulty is that there is no reason to suppose that all those who are neatly classified as anti-Thatcher voters would be prepared to support an anti-Thatcher front. It is true that if support for Labour and for the Alliance could be added together then the Conservatives would have been defeated decisively in all three of the recent by-elections and would be well behind in the opinion polls.

Conservative dissidents

Many Alliance voters, however, are Conservative dissidents who are prepared to express their dissatisfaction with the Government by supporting a third party, but not by installing Labour in power. There are also former Labour supporters who vote for the Alliance in protest at what they see as Labour's lurch to the left and internal confusion.

The Alliance wins a good many of its votes, in other words, because it is different from the Labour Party. It would be absurd to suppose that all this support could simply be transferred to an anti-Thatcher front if one could be formed. An unknown but substantial number of Alliance voters would then either abstain or be driven back into the arms of the Conservatives. It might be different if Labour could present a more reassuring face to the public, but then Labour might win power by itself.

Britons abroad miss out on electoral Community spirit

By David Cross



Virtually all the London embassies of other EEC member states have mounted a vigorous campaign to ensure that as many as possible of their 600,000 citizens living in Britain can vote in next month's European elections. This contrasts sharply with the lack of activity by British embassies on the Continent where most British residents are still without a vote.

Since the Community's 170 million or so voters last had their chance to vote for members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg in 1979, a number of member states, including Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg, have made special arrangements to enable their citizens living in other parts of the Community to take part in what is meant to be a pan-European exercise in democracy. Others such as the Netherlands and France have such facilities already.

The most ambitious and complex scheme to get their nationals to the Euro-polls is being mounted by the Italians. On Sunday June 17 when most other EEC member states vote (the British poll is on June 14 but the ballots will remain unopened until polling stations on the Continent close) between 35,000 and 40,000 Italian residents in Britain will cast their votes in polling stations being set up in public buildings throughout the country.

In the South of England, south Wales, and Northern Ireland alone 62 polling stations will be in operation at 35 venues. Similar arrangements are being made by the Italian consulate in Manchester for Italians living in north Wales and the North of England and by the consulate-general in Edinburgh for those resident in Scotland. The votes will be counted and the results sent back to Rome where they will be taken into account in the selection of Italy's 81 members of the European Parliament (MEPs).

The scale of the operation meant that officials at the three legations began getting in touch with potential voters and polling centres as early as last November. Voting is obligatory in Italy and the officials wanted to ensure that as many residents as possible were able to fulfil their civic duty.

Greece is another member state where voting is compulsory and the embassy in London is making special arrangements for its 1,650 citizens eligible to vote in this country to go to two or three polling stations in London to cast their ballots on Saturday June 16. The completed ballot papers will be sent by the Diplomatic bag to Athens.

About 2,500 French citizens permanently resident in Britain and registered with the authorities will be voting at the French Lycée in South Kensington on June 17.

The embassies of most other member countries made arrangements for those interested in the European elections to vote by post.

To their great irritation, however, Britons living in the Community will be unable to cast their votes with a few notable exceptions. Ironically in Belgium and the Netherlands they will be able to vote for local Belgian and Dutch MEPs if they have fulfilled certain residential requirements.

Boys queue to become choristers

By Colin Hughes

Would-be choristers are queueing to compete for places in Britain's choir schools, despite earlier fears that there might not be enough applicants to fill the available places.

Head teachers and deans pleaded at Christmas time for more applicants from a wider range of social backgrounds, to save the choir schools and maintain their standards.

In a survey of 26 of the country's 40 choir schools, whose head teachers attended last week's annual meeting of the Choir Schools Association, 17 reported a "significant increase" in the number of boys applying for voice trials this year.

Those 17 have 320 applicants for 84 places, while last year some schools were getting barely enough applicants to fill the chorister's pews.

This year only four of those surveyed reported falling applications, and the five whose application rate remained steady included Westminster Abbey school, which had 60 boys seeking two places.



Derek di Giovanni taking a test at Bristol Cathedral School with Mr Malcolm Archer, Master of the Choristers.

The survey also showed a shift towards older applicants. The numbers of seven-year-olds taking voice tests have fallen by half and the number of ten-year-olds has risen by a quarter in the past three years. Most choristers stay until they are 13.

The survey also confirms the schools' claims about the later successes of choristers. Of this year's leavers, 52 per cent have won shcolarships or exhibitions to independent schools.

Subsidies on fees have risen by £300,000 to £1.5m this year.

Most comes from the church, although cash giftsfrom private individuals have increased since the plight of choir schools received wide publicity last year.

The schools are now encouraging less wealthy parents to enter their boys. Sponsorship pays 58 per cent of fees, compared with 50 per cent two years ago.

Suicide verdict on student

The son of a banker told two people he was unhappy with life at Oxford University days before he killed himself by lying in front of a train, an inquest was told in Oxford.

Andrew Touche, aged 19, went for a meal with a friend and wrote a note to his college chaplain the night his body was discovered near Oxford station.

The son of Sir Anthony Touche, of Dorking, Surrey, deputy chairman of the National Westminster Bank and a former partner of the chartered accountants Touche Ross, he was a first-year student at Jesus College, reading philosophy and modern languages.

The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

Appeal move by Bettaney

Michael Bettaney, aged 34, the MI5 counter-espionage officer from Coulsdon, Surrey, who was jailed for 23 years last month for offering to spy for the Soviet Union, is seeking leave to appeal against his conviction.

His application is unlikely to be heard before October.

Defending the West

Nato ministers fall out over £11bn budget

From Frederick Bonnart, Brussels

Nato's defence planning committee failed here last night to agree on a ceiling for the new common infrastructure programme. Ministers leaving the first day's session were seriously concerned as this was the first time that an agreement on an infrastructure programme for Nato had been withheld.

General Cornelius de Jager, chairman of Nato's military committee, said that he had warned ministers of the military consequences of the failure by member countries to supply the requested funds. He underlined the increasing qualitative improvements of the Warsaw Pact forces which were eroding the technological advantage of the West.



General de Jager: Spelling out the consequences if funds are not forthcoming.

He said that it was essential to introduce weapon systems based on emerging technology to restore the balance. Ministers will discuss this subject today.

The infrastructure programme pays for common user items, such as runways, aircraft shelters, ammunition and equipment storage sites for cruise and Pershing 2 missiles.

"We are talking here about an overall 0.25 per cent of Nato budgets", a senior American official said, "and the reception of essential American reinforcements for Europe depends on it."

Heavy equipment for five American divisions is to be stored in Europe so that the personnel can be moved in rapidly in time of crisis.

The countries were not prepared to fund the £11 billion requested by the military commanders. But the United States proposed a ceiling of approximately £7bn, Britain £5.6bn and West Germany and most of the others £3.72bn.

Herr Manfred Woerner, the German Minister of Defence, was prepared to raise this amount by approximately £500m which the United States considered to be inadequate. However, as Herr Woerner said that he had no authority to raise the amount any further, the meeting adjourned in disagreement. Ministers will discuss the matter again this morning.



Nato meeting: Mr Heseltine, British Defence Minister (left), with Chief of Staff Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall in Brussels yesterday.

Reagan man rejected

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Controversy continues to plague the United States Information Agency (USIA), the propaganda arm of the American Government, which has been at the centre of a continuous series of disputes since President Reagan appointed his friend, Mr Charles Wick, as its director three years ago.

On Tuesday the Republican-dominated Senate foreign relations committee rejected the nomination of Mr Leslie Lenkowsky to become the agency's deputy-director. Several Senators claimed Mr Lenkowsky had lied to the committee about his role in blacklisting people from the agency's overseas speaking programme.

Mr Lenkowsky has the dubious distinction of being the first of President Reagan's nominees to be rejected outright by a Senate committee. The committee had previously sent the names of two other Reagan nominees to the Senate floor with negative recommendations.

Pentagon fears cuts will cancel progress

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The fighting capability of the United States has increased markedly in four years of military build-up, according to a detailed military evaluation by the Pentagon. It gives warning that the progress could be threatened by future budget cuts.

The 124-page report points to substantial improvements in the quality of personnel and equipment but emphasize that there are problems in force readiness and ability to sustain military action.

A summary of the report by the Department of Defence presented a picture of steady improvements in every area. Mr William Taft, Deputy Defence Secretary, said that Congress and the American people should know that they had "got the increaed military capability they paid for".

Mr Taft and General Paul Kelley, Commandant of the Marine Corps, issued appeals to Congress to approve a 5.5 per cent military pay rise next year to retain qualified people. The House armed services committee has recommended a 3.5 per cent increase.

The Pentagon report was intended to offset suggestions in leaked internal Pentagon reports that military readiness in some categories had declined despite sharlpy increased military expenditure by the Reagan Administrion.

Senator Sam Nunn, the leading Democrat on the Senate armed services committee, had questioned whether the Pentagon was buying new weapons faster than it was buying back-up spare parts and equipment for them.

Despite the generally rosy picture painted by the report, it does point to a decline on Army and Air Force readiness.

Costs of maintenance are rising sharply, according to the report. "Even though more efficient and cost-saving methods have been developed for complex new equipment, costs have proven to be greater as we transition from the mechanical to the electronic age."

Kohl forced to withdraw amnesty on taxes

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

Faced with a humiliating Parliamentary defeat and an open split within the coalition, the Government yesterday withdrew its controversial amnesty for more than 3,000 people accused of tax and other irregularities in making political donations.

The decision was made afer a meeting between the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Free Democratic (FDP) coalition partners, who were overwhelmingly opposed to the Bill. It came only a few hours before a meeting of the FDP Parliamentary group, which was expected to vote decisively against the amnesty in spite of its support by Herr Hans-Deitrich Genscher, the party leader.

The government sent a letter to Herr Rainer Barzel, President of the Bundestag, telling him the Bill, due for a first reading on May 24, had now been withdrawn. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD), who had called the amnesty a "grave blow to the conception of law", immediately welcomed the move, as did the Greens.

Chancellor Kohl, insisted only on Tuesday that he would push for a debate on the proposal in Parliament even without the Bill.

But in a clear sign of anger with his Liberal partners, his Christian Democratic Party spoksman said the CDU and the Bavarian-based Christian Social Union (CSU) "acknowledge with regret that the FDP's decision means there is no longer a majority for the Bill in parliament."

The fiasco, deeply wounding to the Government and to Herr Kohl's prestige, comes only two weeks after the amnesty was announced at the end of many months of secret deliberations. It has already led to strong criticism within the FDP of Herr Genscher's leadership, and threatened to unseat him at the coming Party congress next month.

Yesterday the affair led to sharp polemics between the FDP and the CSU, led by Herr Franz Josef Strauss, which accused Herr Genscher of unreliability. The CSU party organ *Bayernkurier* said that Herr Genscher's treachery and volte-face were the worst blunder that had hit the coalition.

Government supporters were trying to play down the damage to the coalition yesterday.

Israeli forces blow up refugee homes in Lebanon

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israeli forces in southern Lebanon have mounted a big security operation inside the Ein Hilwe Palestinian refugee camp which, military sources claim, has been pinpointed as the starting place for many recent ambushes against Israeli troops.

According to Israel radio, the houses of two Arab residents of the sprawling, insanitary camp were blown up by sappers after arms and explosives had been concealed in them. The camp is close to the centre of Sidon, the largest city under Israeli occupation.

The controversial punishment of demolishing homes has been frequently employed against suspected Palestinian terrorists living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, where it is sanctioned under emergency regulations originally drawn up in 1945, during the British mandate of Palestine.

But, to the anger of many Israeli doves, the Government has not so far employed it against the West Bank homes of any of the 27 Jewish settlers now under arrest for suspected involvement in a terror campaign against Arabs.

Conflicting reports have emerged about casualties at Ein Hilwe, which is estimated by the Israelis to house around 24,000 Palestinians, the majority of them women and children. Israeli military sources claim that only two refugees were wounded after resisting arrest, while Lebanese radio reports spoke of six being injured.

The Lebanese reports said 30 residents of the camp had been arrested in the Israeli operation, which later prompted angry demonstrations in the camp.

The Israeli sources did not specify the number of arrests, saying that "in the course of searches and preventive actions carried out by the Israeli forces on Tuesday night, a number of arrests were made and a number of arms and explosive caches were found".

The military sources here denied Lebanese allegations that tanks were used to ring the camp, most of which was flattened during the Israeli invasion in June, 1982.

It has been the site of frequent violent incidents since, with the Palestinian refugees claiming that their men need arms to prevent a possible massacre by Lebanese Christians, similar to that carried out under the noses of the Israelis at the Sabra and Chatila camps in west Beirut in 1982. In a separate development, a member of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army was killed yesterday and another injured in a gun and grenade ambush three miles north of the Israeli border, in the central part of southern Lebanon.

Israel hopes the 2,500-strong militia will eventually take over much of the policing of the south of Lebanon.

Mexican leader's visit ends in discord

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Miguel de la Madrid of Mexico told a joint session of Congress yesterday that his Government rejected "without exception, all military plans that would seriously endanger" the security and development of the region.

Without directly criticizing the Reagan Administration, his remarks appeared to amount to a call to the United States to disengage from military involvement in Central America. "This continent must not be a scenario for generalized violence that becomes increasingly difficult to control."

His speech demonstrated a clear disagreement with President Reagan's assertion that pro-Soviet groups are at the heart of conflicts in the region. Señor de la Madrid said that the conflicts were the result of "economic deficiencies, political backwardness and social injustice".

Divisions over central America have marred an otherwise cordial state visit by Señor de la Madrid, who returns to Mexico City tomorrow. His speech left no doubt that he disagrees with Mr Reagan's assertion last week that Mexico itself could be threatened by turmoil in Central America.

He added that Central Americans wanted a new relationship with the United States that did away with "any shadow of subordination, while preserving sovereignties and national identity".

Hungarians withdraw from the Olympics

Budapest (Reuter) – Hungary yesterday withdrew from the Olympics, joining the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Vietnam, Laos, Afghanistan and Mongolia. The only Eastern Block countries still to declare their Olympic intentions are Poland and Romania.

"The Hungarian Olympic Committee considers that the present conditions in the organization of the summer Olympics do not allow Hungarian athletes to participate in the Games", a statement issued by the official media said.

The committee "shares the concern of the respective Olympic committees of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and declares its solidarity with them".

US post for Harold Evans

New York – Mr Harold Evans, former editor of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, had been appointed editor-in-chief of the Atlantic Monthly Press, a division of the Atlantic Monthly Company, of Boston, Massachusetts. The post is newly-created, and Mr Evans, who will be based here, will start next month (Trevor Fishlock writes).

The Atlantic Monthly Press is the book-publishing section of the company which also owns the magazine, the *Atlantic*. Mr Evan's wife, Tina Brown, is editor of *Vanity Fair* in New York.

British protester freed in Italy

Rome – Jill Allison Howard, a British woman arrested last Friday when police dismantled pacifists' camps near the cruise missile base at Comiso in Sicily, was released yesterday and told to leave Italy in five days (John Earle writes).

Two other women, an Australian and a New Zealander, were also freed and served with expulsion orders. Three West German men remain in prison.

French gloom

Paris – The number of unemployed in France rose by 52,000 last month to a total of 2,296,000. Prices rose by an estimated 0.6 per cent, bringing the total increase for the first four months of this year to 2.6 per cent.

Death squads on rampage

Indonesia plagued by secret killings

From Robert Trumbull

Jakarta (NYT) – A typical killing begins when a group of armed men, unknown in the neighbourhood or village, appear at a door in the middle of the night. A man, later identified by the authorities as a criminal, is taken away by force.

In a day or so his bullet-riddled body is found near by, where it has been deposited after the killing in some more distant place. Sometimes the killers leave 10,000 rupiahs, about £7, on the body to cover the cost of burial.

In the case of Idrus Muhammad Soleh, aged 28, a school watchman in Jakarta, two men, one wearing a ski mask, threw open the door to the bedroom where he and his wife, Lisdawati, aged 23, were asleep one night in November. The masked man pulled out a pistol and fired two shots into the watchman's head. The intruders left ignoring his wife.

An account of the incident in the Hongkong news magazine, *Asiaweek* was obliterated with black ink by government censors before the publication was allowed to reach readers in Indonesia. Mr Soleh had no criminal record but he was a member of a Jakarta gang.

Unlike death squad operations reported in such countries as El Salvador and the Philippines, the killings in Indonesia are believed to be free of political motivation.

A human rights lawyer, who asked to be anonymous, estimated recently that there had been 3,000 to 4,000 such clandestine killings since President Subarto's Government began a vigorous anti-crime campaign about a year and a half ago.

Though the role of government agencies in the slayings is unclear, the victims are always identified by the authorities as known malefactors, usually with police records linking them to crimes of violence. Many bodies bear tattoos, the traditional badge of the Indonesian gangster.

Some Indonesians have expressed concern, however, that people are being killed for reasons other than criminality or that some have been killed in error.

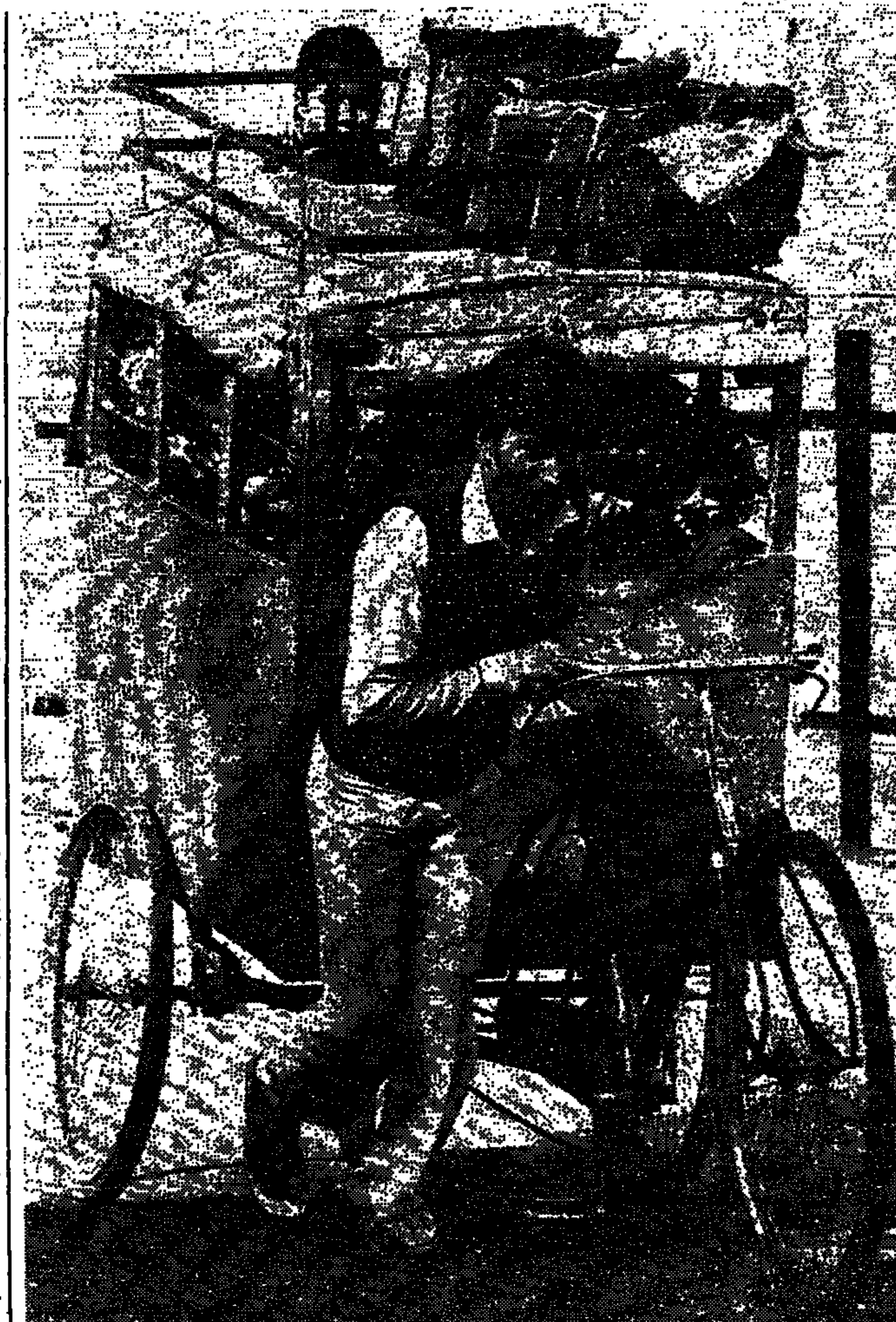
The uniform methodology of the killings indicates a centrally directed campaign to exterminate crime and bullets recovered from bodies have shown that weapons used were the same as the standard army and police handguns.

A recent US State Department report said there was no verifiable estimate of the number of such killings. It added: "In published statements, government officials have indicated that hundreds were killed. Human rights groups claimed that there were up to 4,000 victims during 1983".

Since those responsible for the deaths were unknown, Indonesian newspapers referred to such incidents as "penembak misterius", or mysterious killings, until the Government ordered the strictly controlled press to stop reporting such cases last year. The term, though not seen in local publications now, caught on and is widely used.

Although human rights organizations here have been disturbed by the killings, Indonesians are unconcerned unless the victim is a relative, a writer on public affairs said. He also asked not to be identified.

People are relieved that it has become safer to walk the streets, a Jakarta editor said, alluding to a significant drop in the rate of reported crime since the mysterious killings in many parts of the country reached their height last year.



School wheels: This cheaply welded cage fixed to a bicycle is one way of getting Delhi children to and from school, at little cost to parents. Photograph: Ian Wright.

Pentagon wants to spend more than £100m on defences in Honduras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Pentagon is proposing further US military entrenchment in Central America with the expenditure of $149m (£106m) on new and improved military installations over the next four years. It wants to upgrade two air bases in Honduras, at Palmerola and La Cieba, to accommodate US fighter jets.

The plans are outlined in a Pentagon report submitted to Congress last week, indicating a determination by the Reagan Administration to continue its military build-up in the region.

Honduras, the centre of the new American expansion in Central America, will be the site of repeated military exercises lasting until 1988, the report says. The long-range plans for American involvement there have surprised some congressmen.

The administration has denied repeatedly that it is quietly building up a permanent military base in Honduras, the poorest of the five main Central American nations.

Thereport, issued in the name of Mr William Taft, deputy defence secretary, says that some proposed military construction in Honduras is intended to support US forces that could be sent there under the Rio Treaty, an Intra-American collective defence pact.

The report proposes the expenditure of $13m to lengthen the runway and to make other improvements at Palmerola air base in central Honduras, the heart of America's military presence in the country.

At *La Cieba*, an *airfield on* the Atlantic coast, the report proposes expenditure of $8m on improvements so the base could support "tactical aircraft operations". It could also handle planes from aircraft carriers, the report says.

Another proposal is for the construction of a $1.5m storage site for air munitions, which would be useful "in the event the US must deploy tactical aircraft in Honduras in support of a decision to provide military assistance as outlined in the Rio Treaty".

At the Honduran airfield of San Lorenzo, near the Gulf of Fonseca, the Pentagon proposes the expenditure of $2.9m to build installations for the storage of military equipment.

It also propses that $43m be spent on the improvent of Guantanama Bay, the US base on the south-eastern coast of Cuba.

On the Honduras proposals the report states: These facilites are required to provide storage for the prepositioning of bridging and barrier materials, including munitions. These facilities would significantly reduce the time required for the US to provide military assistance as necessary."

The build-up in Honduras is particularly significant as it is possible that the US Southern Command, its Latin American military headquarters, might have to leave Panama at the end of the century with the termination of the Panama Canal treaty. Honduras is clearly emerging as the alternative base.

Mr Taft has been asked to testify before the house military construction sub-committee on the proposals.

Costa Ricans protest against US pressure

From Martha Honey, San José, Costa Rica

Tens of thousands of Costa Ricans paraded through the centre of San José on Tuesday in a march for peace and neutrality.

Schools and public offices were closed to allow people to participate in what was said to be the largest demonstration in memory in this tiny politically stable country.

Carrying placards and colourful banners, the marches chanted: "Peace yes, war no", "If the rich want war, let them go and fight", and "No to armaments for Costa Rica".

The estimated 20,000 to 30,000 demonstrators followed a route specifically chosen, the organizers, said to by-pass the United States embassy where it was feared violence could erupt.

In the only incident of the day, one demonstrator detoured past the embassy and hurled several bags of red paint at its white wall. Security at the embassywas reinforced but it remained open.

Anti-American, as well as anti- and pro-Nicaraguan slogans were banned by the organizers. Even so there were numerous chants calling for the rebel leader, Señor Eden Pastora, to stop using Costa Rica as a base for his military activities against Nicaragua.

Costa Rica is the only country in the region without an army and, under President Luis Alberto Monge, has declared itself militarily neutral in external conflicts.

Duarte win upheld in El Salvador

San Salvador (Reuter) – Election officials in El Salvador have rejected a request by the losing party in this month's presidential polls for a recount of the vote, upholding the victory of the moderate *Christian* Democrat, Señor José Napoleón Duarte.

Señor Armando Rodriguez Eguizabal, president of the Central Elections Council, said that a petition by the far-right Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) party to nullify the result of the May 6 vote had been rejected.

On Monday night, Arena called for a recount of the vote because of what it said were irregularities in the council's counting procedures.

Arena representatives alleged that many votes *counted* in favour of the Christian Democrats were invalid.

"Their petition was without basis and the final results stand . . . We will give Duarte official notification that he is the President-elect of the country," Señor Rodriguez Eguizabal said.

Señor Duarte is preparing to visit Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica and the US as President-elect before the weekend.

● **Youths kidnapped:** Left-wing guerrillas kidnapped dozens of young people from the *village of* El *Limon* near here to press them into service with rebel forces, military sources said (AP reports). Between 50 and 80 young men and women were carried off in part of a rebel recruitment drive.

Guerrillas arrived at the village on Monday evening and ordered the young people by name to come out of their houses, then took away those between 15 and 30.





Señor Duarte: Invited to Washington.

Panama poll won by 1,713 votes

Panama City (Reuter) – Señor *Nicolas Ardito Barletta*, the candidate of the Official Party won the country's first presidential elections in 16 years of military-backed rule, according to the country's electoral tribunal.

Government-appointed judges on the tribunal said that Señor Barletta, aged 45, had beaten the opposition leader, Señor Arnulfo Arias, aged 82, by 1,713 votes.

Opposition leaders have accused the Government of fraud but the tribunal threw out all legal challenges to the results.

Senior western diplomats said that many of the opposition's complaints merited investigation. The Opposition election controller, Señor Alvin Zeeden, called the announcement a "fraudulent dawn raid".

The election tribunal said that its final recount of results from the country's 40 electoral districts gave Señor Ardito-Barletta 300,750 votes to 299,037 for Señor Arias.

US strongly defends tactics on Namibia

By Kenneth Mackenzie

A vigorous defence of the American policy of linking a settlement in Namibia with the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola was made yesterday by Dr Chester Crocker, US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

Speaking in Washington on a satellite-linked press conference, he was answering questions by journalists in Lagos, Lusaka, Nairobi and London. He also refused to call the recent Lusaka conference on Namibia a failure, insisting it was a step forward.

Facing hostile questions on linkage, Dr Crocker said: "We want to solve the problem of Namibia, not just feel good about it and pass glorious resolutions. If we can get a commitment on the withdrawal of Cuban troops we can get a solution."

He said Security Council resolution 435, which provides for a UN-supervised election leading to independence, remained a fundamental element for a settlement. The US forsaw no change in that, but there also had to be a political basis for implementation. "There has got to be somehing for everyone."

Defending his optimism, he said the Lusaka meeting was not meant to reach decisions. It was a meeting of political parties and it was valuable that Swapo and the internal Namibian parties had got together. Decisions would have to be taken by governments.

"Our understanding is that the South Africans have accepted resolution 435 and will implement it provided the Cubans are withdrawn," Dr Crocker said.

"It is known that in South Africa there is a question mark regarding UN impartiality. Farther north there is a question mark regarding South African impartiality.

"This is politics. But if we can get a satisfactory understanding on the Cuban issue we will get resolution 435."

Asked about his policy of "generally constructive engagement" with South African, Dr Cocker said this did not mean cosying up to apartheid. It was always made clear that there had to be a change away from racialism if negotiations were to continue.

The most important thing was to remove illusions – that change could come from armed struggle across the border or that South Africa faces a total onslaught. Once these were gone, bridges and channels could be opened and "many siganls can be sent in both directions".

Hart campaign gains new momentum with wins in Oregon and Nebraska

From Nicholas Ashford
Washington

"The voters have said they are not prepared to see this race over," a triumphant Senator Gary Hart told 400 cheering supporters after easily winning primaries in Oregon and Nebraska on Tuesday night. "On to California, on to New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and on to the White House."

Mr Hart had to win in Oregon and Nebraska if he was to sustain the renewed momentum which his flagging campaign had gained with last week's victories in Ohio and Indiana. And win he did – very easily.

In Oregon Mr Hart won 57 per cent of the vote to Mr Walter Mondale's 31 per cent and 8 per cent for the Rev Jesse Jackson. In Nebraska Mr Hart gained 58 per cent of the vote compared with 27 per cent for Mr Mondale and 9 per cent for Mr Jackson.

The victories did not significantly reduce the delegate gap between Mr Hart and Mr Mondale. The former Vice President still holds a lead of almost 221 over his Coloradan rival. Mr Hart is projected to win 28 delegates in Oregon and 15 in Nebraska.

However, the wins will be of great psychological importance for the Hart campaign. Mr Hart hopes that the momentum will enable him to score further big victories on "Final Tuesday" (June 5) when California, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and West Virginia hold their primaries.

According to United Press International's count there are now 1,552 delegates pledged to support Mr Mondale at the party's nominating convention in San Francisco in July, 931 for Mr Hart and 291 for Mr Jackson. A further 361 are uncommitted and 58 are for other candidates.

Mr Mondale had predicted that he would have the 1,967 delegate votes required for the nomination by the me the "Final Tuesday" primaries were over. However, yesterday he backed down from that prediction, saying "I don't want to be pinned down to a particular date."

Mr Hart's strategy now is to perform sufficiently well in the remaining contests to deny Mr Mondale enough delegates to lock up the nomination and then to persuade a brokered convention that he, rather than Mr Mondale, has the best chance of defeating Presidnet Reagan in November.


Senator Hart taking time off from the campaign to go riding in Denver, Colorado.

Wooing the female vote

The most talked of woman in America

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

The most talked about woman in American politics these days is Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, a 48-year-old Democratic congresswoman from the Queens district of New York.

In the past few weeks most leading newspapers have carried lengthy profiles about her, she is appearing constantly on television, and has even made the social pages by being seen mixing with the well-heeled celebrities who attended last weekend's Kentucky

Derby – an unusual setting for a woman whose father ran a five-and-dime store and whose constituency gave birth to "Archie Bunker", the American television equivalent of Alf Garnett.

The reason for Mrs Ferraro's current fame is not because of anything special she has done or said, or even because she has been selected as the first woman


Mrs Ferraro: Tough and attractive.

chair of the Democratic Party's platform committee for this year's national convention in San Francisco.

It is because her name is most frequently mentioned as a possible running mate for Mr Walter Mondale or Senator Gary Hart, whichever one wins the Democratic nomination.

It has long been a cause of concern among American feminists that countries like Britain, India, Sri Lanka and Israel, none of which have the kinds of women's movement that exists in the US, have elected women as Prime Ministers, yet a woman's name has never appeared on an American presidential ticket.

It is still far from certain that the Democratic nominee will choose a woman as running mate this year. Although Mr Mondale and Mr Hart have both said they will consider a woman, they have yet to be convinced that the advantages of doing so would outweigh the disadvantages.

The only candidate who has said he would definitely put a woman on the ticket is the Rev Jesse Jackson, but he stands no chance of winning the nomination.

Experts from both political parties agree that the day is rapidly approaching when a woman will run for the vice-presidency, but no one knows whether it will occur in 1984. Mr Charles Manatt, the Democratic Party chairman, says that "It's gone beyond the hypothetical discussion stage". But many Republicans feel the Democrats are merely *talking* about the merits of running a woman for the vice-presidency in an attempt to woo the important women's vote to their side.

There are as many minuses as there are pluses about putting a woman's name on the Democratic ticket. Those in favour argue that a woman would bring the party a net gain in votes, particularly among younger women voters. Women now constitute 53 per cent of the electorate and polls show that President Reagan's standing is much lower among women than it is among men.

Running a woman for the vice-presidency would, it is contended, exploit the "gender gap" to the Democrats' advantage.

However, the antis (who include many women) feel that running a woman for Vice-President would be just a token and would take the pressure off the Democrats to name more women to top jobs. They also fear it could tilt the male vote further in Mr Reagan's favour.

Numerous polls have been taken about the merits of having a woman's name on the Democratic ticket, often with differing or ambiguous results. Although they show that most Americans support the principle of a woman for Vice-President, they become much less enthusiastic when specific names are mentioned.

A recent *New York Times* CBS News poll showed that a woman for Vice-President would attract a significant number of women under the age of 45, but would drive off large numbers of men over 45, men from the West and from the suburbs.

Mrs Ferraro is the preference of the party establishment and last week received the public backing of Mr Thomas O'Neil. A slim and attractive blonde whose good looks belie an inner toughness, she can be brassy and irreverent and seems equally at home delivering a speech on women's rights or swopping stories with male collegues.

Other possible vice-presidential candidates include Mrs Dianne Feinstein, Mayor of San Francisco, Rep. Patricia Schroeder of Colorado, Rep. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, Rep. Lindy Boggs of Louisiana and Mrs Eleanor Smeal, former president of the National Organization of Women.

China and Vietnam both claim victory

Hanoi (AFP) – Vietnamese troops killed at least 100 Chinese soldiers after a fresh Chinese incursion into the Vietnamese border province of Ha Tuyen, a Vietnamese communiqué stated yesterday.

The report conflicted with an account from Peking, where the Chinese news agency said that a number of Vietnamese "invaders" had been killed in Yunnan province.

The Vietnamese statement said that Chinese armed forces had fired more than 6,000 shells of varying sizes in the province against hills identified as 1.558, 1.387, 1.427 and 1.030. It said that "the Chinese sent an infantry regiment from the military zone of Kunming" in the Chinese province of Yunnan against hill 1.030. But Hanoi's troops "punished the Chinese aggressors, annihilating at least 100 enemies".

China also fired several thousand shells into two other Vietnamese border provinces, Cao Bang and Langson, the communiqué said.

In Peking, the New China news agency reported that Chinese frontier guards had killed a number of Vietnamese troops in a counter-attack on Tuesday against the "invaders" in Yunnan.

The Vietnamese suffered heavy losses and some of their positions were destroyed in the action, the agency said yesterday. Countless Vietnamese shells have fallen on frontier villages in the province in the past three weeks.

The Vietnamese Defence Minister, General Van Tien Dung, has left Hanoi for Moscow, Western sources here said. The length of the visit, which was neither denied nor confirmed by Vietnamese sources, was unknown.

One theory is that the purpose of the visit is to ask for additional arms in light of the prolonged border tension. Others said that Thailand's planned purchase of F16 fighter jets the United States may have caused Vietnam to seek similar planes from the Soviet Union.

Solidarity chief stabs himself in jail protest

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

A jailed leader of the banned Solidarity union has stabbed himself in the stomach with a butter knife, apparently to avoid having to testify in the trial of a colleague.

The action by Piotr Bednarz, who will spend up to 10 days in hospital, is the latest in a series of hunger strikes, cell protests and political clashes between Solidarity prisoners and the authorities of Barczewo prison.

The prison's political wing, which contains only nine prisoners, has become the most unruly in Poland. Three members of the Wroclaw underground, Bednarz, Wladyslaw Frasyniuk and Jozef Pinior, and two from Lodz have been conducting their opposition struggle demanding clearly defined political status.

The other four prisoners, who include members of the nationalist KPN movement, support the campaign.

The prisoners claim that they have been silenced by wardens using straitjackets, handcuffs and mouthgags. The authorities say they are entitled to do this and deny the use of adhesive tape to silence prisoners.

Bednarz would have been required to testify in the trial of Jozef Pinior, who is charged with illegal union activities. His testimony is described as essential to the case, and the hearings have been stopped temporarily.

King Juan Carlos ends boldest trip

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

King Juan Carlos arrived back here yesterday from Leningrad, having given a new prestige to Spain during a six-day state visit with Queen Sofia to the Soviet Union.

On the boldest and most difficult of his official journeys abroad, the King added a distinctive Spanish emphasis when he rose to the challenge of takling world problems.

Before the hard line Soviet leadership, he emphasized the new democratic Spain's belief in the universal validity of human rights. But in his banquet speech before Pesident Chernenko, the King also voiced Madrid's belief that there must be dialogue between the two super powers to stop the growing tension

Senõr Gernando Moran, the Foreign Minister, who had almost three hours of talks with his counterpart, Mr Andrei Gromyko, denied yesterday on his return with the royal couple that the Russians had raised Spain's Nato membership. In the light of Soviet protests before Spain joined, this had been feared, it is now taken in Madrid that the Russians have resigned themselves to the situation.

The King's visit has to be seen in conjunction with the visits Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, made immediately beforehand to Copenhagen and Helsinki.

On these, Señor González announced that his government would take a public stand on Nato membership before a referendum is held on the issue. He said Spain could not turn its defence responsibilities or take a neutralist attitude. These two important statements eased the King's journey.

Chancellor Kohl of West Germany begins a two-day visit here today when he is expected once against to press Señor González to remain in Nato.

Swedes jeer Mitterrand

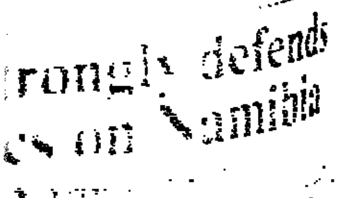
From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

President Mitterrand was met by jeering demonstrators protesting against France's testing of nuclear weapons in the South Pacific when he arrived in Sweden yesterday for a two-day state visit.

The protesters chanted slogans and waved placards as the president and his wife, Danielle, were welcomed at Arlanda airport by Sweden's Prince Bertil and driven to the royal palace in Stockholm.

The protest was led by Mr Bengt Danielsson, a Swedish author who has lived on various islands in the South Pacific since 1947 and whose daughter died of cancer 10 years ago, aged 20. Mr Danielsson claims the cancer was caused by radio activity from the French tests.

M Mitterrand later held talks with Sweden's Socialist Prime Minister Mr Olof Palme. It is the first French state visit to Sweden for 70 years.



Sanctions breakers face legal action by Cyprus

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Cyprus intends to take legal action against European Community countries, including Britain, which continue importing goods from the secessionist Turkish-Cypriot state, in defiance of a Community ban and the latest Security Council resolution.

This was disclosed by Mr Andreas Christofidis, the Cypriot spokesman, at the close of two days of talks between President Kkyprianou, who was returning home from New York, and Mr Andreas Papandreou the Greek Prime Minister.

Mr Christofidis said this move which would include, if necessary, recourse to the European Court, was one of a series of actions decided during the Athens talks, on ways of implementing last week's Security Council ruling which he described as the "strongest since the UN sanctions against Rhodesia and South Africa."

"We are taking the resolution literally and asking for its full implementation" he said. "We are asking the five permanent members of the UN Security Council to invite Turkey to surrender Varosha (the Greek section of Famagusta) to the UN for the resettlement of its Greek inhabitants."

The Security Council said in its Resolution 550 that "it considers attempts to settle any part of Varosha by people other than its inhabitants as inadmissible and calls for the transfer of this area to the administration of the United Nations."

Mr Christofidis said a third move would be to reactivate the "action group" set up by the last Commonwealth Conference to look into the Cyprus problem. The possibility of appealing to the International Court at The Hague denouncing the creation of a state in defiance of international treaties, was being studied.

The Cypriot spokesman said there was no room for a resumption of the intercommunal dialogue at any level. The Turkish-Cypriot conditions for this were absurd.

The Athens talks between President Kyprianou and Mr Papandreou had also examined the defence of Cyprus as well as contingency plans in case the Turkish-Cypriots asked the UN to sign a separate agreement with it to allow the UN peace force to be deployed in the occupied north of thé island.

Mr Christofidis said it would take a new Security Council decision to alter the status or the deployment of the peace force.

Correction

The diplomatic victory at the United Nations referred to on May 14, was achieved by the Greek Cypriots, not, as stated, by Greece.





Nazi's funeral: Walter Rauff's son and grandson, who both bear his name, lead pallbearers after a service for the fugitive war criminal, who died in Santiago, Chile on Monday. Nazi sympathizers (right) shouted "Heil Hitler" and gave the Nazi salute during the burial. Rauff was accused of murdering 97,000 Jews in mobile gas chambers.

Turkish elite demand human rights

From Rasit Gurdilek
Ankara

In a petition submitted to President Evren and to Mr Necmettin Karaduman, the Parliamentary Speaker, 1,260 leading Turkish academics, lawyers, writers, journalists, former politicians and artists called for the restoration of democratic institutions in Turkey.

A six-man delegation headed by Professor Husnu Goksel, a world-renowned cancer specialist, and including Professor Fehmi Yavuz, a leading academic and former Education Minister, and Mr Aziz Nesin, a writer and humorist of international reputation, was allowed to submit the five-page petition to the officials at the gate of the presidential palace while they were received personally by the Speaker.

"To alienate democracy from its inherent values and institutions, to preserve it in form while emptying it of its contents, is as dangerous as destroying it", the intellectuals said in their petition.

They considered it humiliating that their country should be reduced to the position of a state whose human rights guarantees were being debaed in other countries, and called for measures for the complete eradication of torture, the existence of which had, they said, been proven by court decisions. "We fear that it may have become habitual for torture to be used as an extra-judicial, prior and primitive form of punishment"

Philippine regime warned not to rig poll results

From David Watts, Manila

The ruling New Society Movement (KBL) in the Philippines was warned last night "to abandon further attempts to temper with or change the election results".

The warning came from Mr Jose Concepcion, chairman of the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (Namfrel) as suspicions grew among opposition politicians over the lack of official results from Monday's election.

Though the polls closed more than 48 hours ago, the government national commission on elections has not declared any official results, apart from conceding that one seat in Manila had gone to the Opposition.

Even President Marcos appealed to the commission to produce results quickly in order to ease tensions, and Namfrel has cabled its observers across the country to report on the state of election returns within 24 hours.

Namfrel has been compiling a list of results from all over the country, based on reports from 300,000 poll watchers.

According to these results, the principal Opposition and independent parties were winning in 80 seats with the ruling KBL ahead in 82 after a little more than 57 per cent of the votes had been counted. Hardly any new results came in yesterday, and from 15 seats in northern provinces, Namfrel has received no returns at all.

On election day, both Mr and Mrs Marcos confidently predicted that the KBL would have a clean sweep. It is estimated that £720m has been brought back into the country from abroad to finance the election.

In Manila itself, Namfrel says the opposition has either won or is winning in 15 seats against five for the ruling party, and with one seat still undecided. This is the business district Makati of Mr Aurora Pijuan-Manotoc, former wife of Mr Tommy Manotoc, who is now married to the President's daughter.

Counting has twice been stopped in this seat for unexplained reasons, and yesterday the polling centre was guarded by numerous civilians carrying night-sticks. There appears to be only a few hundred votes between the two contenders.

The KBL candidate is backed by one of the strongest party machines in the country, while Mrs Manotoc is by no stretch of the imagination a politician.

The narrowness of the contest clearly indicates the strength of the protest vote, and the frustration that many Filipinos feel after years of martial law and rigged elections. The loss of the Makati seat would be painful for the Marcos family for both family and national reasons.

The Bulgarian experiment

Reforms that do not ruffle the Russians

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Bulgaria, the Kremlin's staunchest ally in the Balkans, has been setting, by Eastern block standards, a fast pace in economic reforms this year.

Punishing inefficient companies with high interest rates and rewarding efficient ones with low rates is only one of several incentives recently introduced as part of what Mr Ivan Lukanov, Bulgaria's young Deputy Prime Minister, calls the "economic mechanism".

Other features include wage funds, which enable workers to share profits in successful concerns, and an increasing emphasis on quality as well as quantity, best observed perhaps in the successful Balkan Car forklift company.

But such improvements are not without problems for a country with a highly centralized economy used to concentrating on quantity rather than quality. Mr Lukanov is typical of many Bulgarian ministers who, by East European standards, are remarkably young for their jobs and he concedes that many managers of a different generation simply cannot cope with the reforms that have been taking place over the past 18 months.

For the Russians, slightly uneasy at economic reforms in Hungary, the example of Bulgaria is a comforting reminder that the Hungarians are mavericks without progeny in the Eastern block. Whatever the pace of reform set by the Bulgarians, there is no question of any private sector being established.

Western sources are less optimistic than Bulgarian politicians anxious to claim that the pace of reform will be continued. In particular, they question how Bulgaria can hope to finance ambitious plans to revolutionize its technology, with a declining hard-currency income.

Although no balance sheets are published in Bulgaria – despite the Prime Minister's claims that there is no censorship – it is believed that Bulgaria's trade with the West will be down by 4 to 5 per cent by the end of the year.

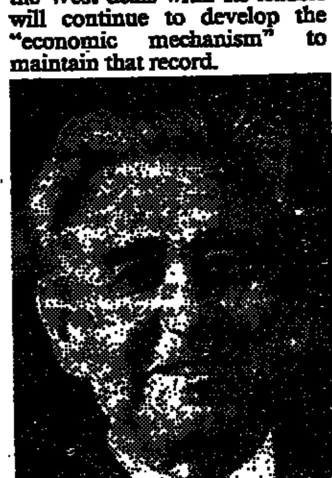
In recent years, Bulgaria has been able to boost its hard-currency earnings by refining oil imported for roubles from the Soviet Union and reselling it

However as Russia's oil reserves have dropped, so too has the amount it exports to the Balkans. It is estimated that the supply of oil to Bulgaria has been cut by 10 per cent since the beginning of last year.

The country is relying on expanding tourism from the West – 55,000 British tourists visited Bulgaria last year – but visas and an official exchange rate five times less than the more realistic black market continue to deter many Western travellers.

Standards of cleanliness, cuisine and efficiency outshine most other Balkan countries. Bulgaria still suffers however from its reputation, reinforced in recent years by the "international terrorist link", of a country where, in the early days of the Orient Express, nasty things happened to Western travellers. At least one turn-of-the-century *Times* correspondent lies buried in the hills beyond Sofia.

But, despite a lack of raw materials and regardless of fluctuations in hard-currency earnings, Bulgaria remains one of the most reliable countries the West deals with. Its leaders will continue to develop the "economic mechanism" to maintain that record.



Mr Filipov: No private sector revival.

Fears for lives as doctors' strike spreads

From Olli Kivinen
Helsinki

Hectic efforts to end Finland's six-week long physicians' strike failed yesterday when the union rejected an offer by the state mediator, Mr Teuvo Kallio.

It is now feared that the strike will last several more weeks, which would make unnecessary deaths unavoidable. The strike, which began in the bigger cities has now spread to all parts of the country.

All doctors employed in the public sector are on strike and only urgent work is being carried out.

The physicians' strike is the most serious in a series of white collar strikes this spring. Almost all blue collar unions accepted a two-year centralized wages agreement in April which was generally considered to be moderate.

A number of white collar unions belonging to the central organization, Akava, decided to press for more claiming that many manual unions have been able to secure their members' earnings and other benefits far above those of highly educated members of Akava. Four more small unions are also on strike.

DeLorean case informer 'paid $60,000'

Los Angeles (Reuter) Mr James Hoffman, an informer and key prosecution witness in the drug trial of Mr John DeLorean was paid more than $60,000 (£43,000) by the US government for the five months he worked on the case, a government agent said yesterday.

Mr DeLorean's lawyers allege that Mr Hoffman enticed their client with offers of investments for his car factory in Belfast and then raised the possibility of drug deals.

A convicted drug smuggler and a former neighbour of the DeLoreans in the Pauma Valley area of southern California, Mr Hoffman works for the American government as an informer.

An agent for the US drug enforcement administration, Mr William Walters, told the court yesterday that Mr Hoffman was paid $28,338 in expenses for five months work on the case.

He also received $32,000 in compensation for such things as medical bills.

Mr DeLorean, facing nine drug charges, is accused of conspiring to import 220lb of cocaine, estimated by the prosecution to have a street value of $24m.

THE ARTS

Today's publication of an Arts Council study on a home for dance in London serves also to highlight the perilous position of all the capital's theatres: **Bryan Appleyard** reports

When the ceiling falls in



The Cambridge: not architecturally significant, so should it be saved just because it is a theatre?



John Drummond: has privately told the Arts Council that Drury Lane is the only serious option

Eleven years ago about 50 square feet of fibrous plasterwork fell from the ceiling of the Shaftesbury Theatre into the stalls. Two owners and a Grade 2 listing later its future looks reasonably secure as the home of Ray Cooney's *Theatre of Comedy*. But it was a close call.

Such individual success stories combined with the demise of the more horrifyingly radical schemes for redeveloping the centre of London have, however, produced a false sense of security. The battles to justify and save the West End's vast range of commercial theatres are assumed to have been won. Furthermore, when the current boom in ticket sales is contrasted with last year's disastrous performance, as one theatre after another went dark, then the industry might be taken to be on the upturn.

In fact the structure of West End theatre is now more under threat than ever before. The tickets boom is a tiny bonus which does nothing to alter the impossible economics nowadays of operating a commercial theatre. Meanwhile the pressure for redevelopment is increasing and the fabric of the theatres, most of which were built between 1885 and 1915, is decaying.

First, however, there are two potentially positive developments. Today sees the publication by the Arts Council of *The Turn of Dance? A Feasibility Study Towards the Establishment of a National Dance House* by John Drummond and Nicholas Thompson. It will recommend a purpose-built dance theatre or, failing that, the conversion of the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Mr Drummond has privately told the Council that he knows full well that Drury Lane is the only serious option. That means opening negotiations with the Stoll Moss group and its ultimate boss Robert Holmes a'Court. Stoll Moss has, in the case of the Coliseum, arrived at a deal involving commercial ownership of the home of a subsidized company, but a repetition of that formula is unlikely – neither side is happy with the arrangement.

Then there is the impending dissolution of the Greater London Council. The GLC is the freeholder of the Garrick, the Lyceum (still viewed by many as a theatre to be reclaimed), most of the Lyric and Wilton's Music Hall as well as the Young Vic and the National. The logical move is for the fully commercial theatres to be transferred to the Theatres Trust. This was set up in 1976 but has never been able to fulfil its function to be a theatre owner and protector with real power. It has acted solely as an advisory body.

Now, however, enlightened opinion within the GLC has realized that this may be a golden opportunity to mobilize the trust to take a handful of significant freeholds out of the always risky commercial market.

Both the implementation of such a GLC move and the Drummond recommendations would represent solutions in those limited cases. But the rest of the picture is infinitely more complex. The first problem is the ownership structure itself. The broad pattern of effective ownership is clear enough: Stoll Moss and Wyndhams (a subsidiary of Associated Newspapers) are the two primary groups and the rest are divided between a variety of smaller groups and individual owners. But the precise pattern of ultimate freehold ownership almost defies analysis. Head leases and sub-leases produce an elaborate web which the Trust gamely tries to map.

What is clear, however, is that these freeholds change hands with disturbing regularity. At a GLC meeting on the future of West End theatre held in March it was said that eight theatres were on the market. More significantly they were on the market at "hope value" rather than real value. In other words the freeholders were asking prices that assumed that one day the sites would be available for redevelopment.

This brings us to the heart of the threat to the theatres. Freeholds are held by companies who know perfectly well that they would rise in value 10 or 20 times if they could redevelop. With small theatres changing hands *as theatres* at £450,000 and larger ones up to £1m, it is clear that the stakes, once the redevelopment multiplier effect is applied, become very high indeed. An incident like the ceiling collapse at the Shaftesbury is crucial precisely because it highlights the gulf between the cost of a full repair and the actual commercial value of the theatre. And, once that appears on the freeholder's accounts, then all the paraphernalia of the planning process and the conservation lobby can prove helpless.

For the sad fact is that revenue even from a profitable theatre is highly unlikely to come anywhere near covering the kind of large-scale repair and maintenance work which most of the buildings are bound to need over the next few years. The equation simply does not work.

For an industry which has proved historically incapable of thinking in the long term, or even of regarding itself as a coherent industry, this is an appalling problem. It has rightly realized that the worst enemies of all the theatres are dark houses and strenuous efforts are being made to promote the West End as a whole. But it is clear that the traditional short-term solution – a hit show – is no longer enough. Over the years a higher and higher proportion of the West End's seats have been sold to tourists and their patronage can vanish with the vagaries of the foreign exchange market. The current boom has as much to do with the condition of the pound as with any creative revitalization.

The underlying economics can only, finally, be changed by some form of subsidy. This could involve a maintenance and repair trust or it could borrow the Paris scheme whereby a box office levy is raised which is then matched by central government funds. The latter would sugar the pill ideologically for the present Government, which may, in any case, accept the arguments for the theatres on the basis of their generation of beneficial economic fall-out.

But even that only removes the immediate pressure. One view is that such a scheme should also be backed up by a firm pronouncement from the Department of the Environment that theatre developments will specifically be resisted, a move that would take the heat out of the "hope valuations" currently being made. But that is thought to be impossible and, given that no mechanism for removing theatrical freeholds entirely from the marketplace seems likely to emerge, the battles against redevelopment will just have be fought one by one.

Among the theatres' defenders there are two approaches. One is by the blood-and-thunder school who will fight for every theatre, no matter what, on the basis that it is the intensity and multiplicity of theatrical life in London which makes the West End work at all. The key figure on this side is John Earl of the GLC's Historic Buildings Department. Secondly there are the compromisers like Iain Mackintosh of Theatre Projects who want to see appropriate office developments, if necessary on top of theatres as at the Playhouse, Charing Cross, to endow the theatres permanently. In addition they accept than some theatres may not be saveable or should be replaced.

In the immediate future the three most obviously threatened theatres are the Fortune, the Astoria and the Cambridge. Since none is architecturally significant the issue would be remarkably straightforward – should they be saved just because they are theatres?

But such small-scale campaigns may, in the event, prove harder to mount than, for example, the great communal uprising which prevented the redevelopment of Covent Garden. That battle, which saved no fewer than 16 theatres, was fought not only on environmental grounds but also in resistance to the belief that live theatre was an art condemned to an inevitable contraction. But the war has still to be won and the theatre conservationists know full well that it could be lost as a result of a long series of skirmishes. One element of the final outcome is, however, quite clear to everybody: there will never again be any such thing as a completely unsubsidized, fully commercial theatre.

Theatre

Pygmalion

Shaftesbury



Donald Cooper

Sustained combative comedy: Jackie Smith-Wood, Peter O'Toole

Great musical as it may be, *My Fair Lady* has much to answer for in having kept Shaw's best comedy out of the theatre for many a long year; and I guess there will be many customers avid for a return to Wimpole Street and a full account of the Eliza-Higgins relationship uninterrupted by song cues or detours to Ascot.

However, I can offer this revival no more than a qualified welcome. Bearing the marks of a prestige event in the Theatre of Comedy repertory, it runs to names like Joyce Carey and Barbara Murray in the supporting parts and to a series of grand, spacious settings by Douglas Heap, who also includes any amount of valuable period properties for Higgins to demolish. But, like the crowd of pearly kings shoe-horned into the overflowing foyer, Ray Cooney's production betrays a heavy touch. It opens with much shouting from the Eynesford Hills, and a crowd of bystanders semaphoring their Cockney gestures like an opera chorus; and throughout the evening the performance tends to coagulate around punch-lines, physical business and anti-climaxes.

The reason for much of this can be summed up in two words: Peter O'Toole. So far as physical appearance and temperamental range go, it is hard to think of anyone better equipped to play Higgins. He has the lean, leathery elegance; the arrogance, the comic ability to switch like lightning between triumph and humiliation; and between adult egocentricity and little-boy charm.

As Shaw wrote him, though, Higgins also has an interest in phonetics; and there is precious little sign of the obsessed research scientist in O'Toole's linguistic Svengali. At the idea of transforming Eliza into a duchess, he goes through a melodramatic trance, like Frankenstein in the laboratory; and once this idea is implanted his appearance increasingly raises the spectre of Henry Irving and the race of anti-intellectual actor-managers who flourished before Shaw arrived on the scene.

Higgins's justification, and the factor that always entitles him to some shred of sympathy, is that he is too wrapped up in his work to spare time for people. Lacking this justification, O'Toole's sadistic teasing of Eliza, his habit of waving his shoe under the nose of his mother's guests, and his casual treatment of Pickering as an insignificant sidekick (a role to which Jack Watling submits all too readily) come over as simply boorish. As he crashes round his studio, preparing for the next volcanic outburst, you even start fearing for his scientific equipment.

Like Higgins, though, O'Toole responds to partners who stand up to him. And he is at his best with John Thaw's chunky and indomitable Dolittle, an aggresive master of the Shavian tirade, at whose diatribes on middle-class morality even O'Toole edits himself elegantly into the background. So far as Jackie Smith-Wood's Eliza is concerned, it is a longer battle.

In their early scenes, with O'Toole constantly on the eye-catching move, and taking physical hold of her in a manner to arouse the worst fears of Mrs Pearce (Miss Murray), she is in danger of becoming yet another feed character. In the party scene, she remains inconclusive, beginning with splendidly measured gentilities and then, fatally, accelerating once she gets down to the gin and hat-pins. But, after the night of the great party, she finally digs her heels in, and in their last scenes together they are playing as equals.

For sustained combative comedy, there is nothing more thrilling and illuminating anywhere in Shaw, and this performance does it justice.

Irving Wardle

Television

Toms and queens go out to play

Attitudes to feral cats vary. Some regard them as a suitable case for compulsory welfare; others as a pest. BBC1's QED acknowledged this divergence of opinion before taking us on *A Walk on the Wild Side* with the biologist Roger Tabor last night.

Mr Tabor's interest is professional. He sits happily in Fitzroy Square yawning, blinking and employing other well-considered subterfuges to ingratiate himself with his feral friends, who, thanks to T. S. Eliot, earned a certain status as Jellicles. He goes to less fashionable places, too, and probably goes home pretty tired for some real yawns and a good night's sleep.

Sleep may be crucial in our attitudes to these independent-minded creatures. If you live near a colony of them, and a colony with rapacious toms and strident queens averages about 17.5, give or take half a cat, you may not get as much as you need. Fatigue and having to be wary where you set your foot during the day can soon blunt the edge of biological curiosity.

Old ladies, on the whole, appear to be long-suffering and kind to the feral ones, taking them supplies and presumably making them less independent and also less likely to depart.

Some councils worry about them. Foremost among these is that one where social concern is well known to be finely honed: Islington. It has a society, SNIP (Society for the Neutering of Islington Pussies), and a council cat-catcher. Both pursue a kind of cat-capping, doctoring the animals and returning them to site. The cat-trapper's name is Joy. She said her work was rather exciting.

Immense activity in the feral field in Islington last year resulted in 200 cats being neutered. They return apparently less wild though possibly inwardly seething, their reproductive life over but with their vocal organs, maybe more mournfully pitched, intact. Ultimately cat-capping would see an end to their communities, though Mr Tabor seemed to think concern about community growth misplaced.

Some do not haver over niceties. One factory put out a contract on the ferals after a complaint from a union. In came Melvin Driver, professional cat-catcher and putter-downer, with technological traps and lots of chloroform. He seemed a kindly man. One wonders how many ratepayers from Islington and much more ruthless boroughs will be trying to get his number this morning.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

London Contemporary

Sadler's Wells

Centrepiece of London Contemporary Dance Theatre's first programme for their season which opened at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday is the London première of Siobhan Davies's latest ballet, *New Galileo*.

The theme seems to be exploration, breaking frontiers, the clarity a new perspective gives. The attractive score is a piano piece by John Adams. The curtain rises on a handsome setting by David Buckland and Peter Mumford, with three dimly-seen pictures on the backcloth and a single dancer, Jonathan Lunn, standing with his back to the audience between what appear to be two walls of light running from front to back.

His movements are at first constrained by these intangible barriers. Figures appear briefly on the periphery of his space; their incursions gradually become more frequent and more positive while the walls themselves expand outwards, their edges marked by slender poles. The pictures too come into focus: the edge of a planet, birds in flight, a dancer. Lunn joins with the other dancers and becomes integrated into their dance.

The movement itself represents something of a breakthrough for Davies – more rounded, and far more varied than I have seen from her in the past. Much of it moves in circles, like planets circling the sun, and there is a great deal of inventive doublework for the four couples who make up the cast.

On the whole the men made more impression than the women, Patrick Harding-Irmer and Lunn being notable. But I could have wished throughout for a greater sense that these were people dancing together, rather than just well-trained bodies going through well-rehearsed movements.

In sharp contrast to this impersonality, two of the company's newest recruits, Tamsin Hickling and Kenneth Tharp, lit up the opening work, Christopher Bannerman's *Canso Trobar*, with their bright personalities, strong dancing and happy commitment.

Judith Cruickshank

● *Kipling*, written by Brian Clark and directed by Patrick Garland with the assistance of Matthew Francis, opens at the Mermaid Theatre on May 31, with previews from May 29. The show, which is based on Kipling's own prose and poetry, and was previewed last year at the Chichester Festival Theatre, stars Alec McCowen.

Kibbutz Dance

The Place

The programme for the Kibbutz Dance Company's third short visit to London, which opened on Tuesday and closes tonight, suggests a definite advance in the standard of the repertoire. The chief attraction is the first showing in this country of Jiri Kylián's *Stoolgame*, a work of strange intensity.

It begins like a game with the dancers, once they have disentangled themselves from a supine group on a table, taking their stools and setting them, with premonitorily aggressive bangs, into a rough ring. But the odd man out (Zichri Dagan) soon finds himself challenged and teased by a sadistic persecutor (Shlomo Zaga). He is left for dead, mourned by a lone woman (Efrat Livni) while the others continue their games. There are what may be a resurrection, further struggles and finally a transfiguration.

The movement is as unusual as the drama: sudden thrusts into the air that may precipitate a woman from the arms of one partner to another; balances sustained by taking each other's weight across the thighs; bodies pulled along by heels thrust into armpits. The stools become almost participants in the action, and music by Arne Nordheim enters surreptitiously at a midway point to reinforce the mood.

The other three works were all made for the company. *Death Came to Rocking-Horse Michael* is an ambitious piece by one of the dancers, Rami Be'er, attempting to put into movement the ideas and images of a poem in Hebrew by the Sabra writer Natan Sach. The theme of parting from different stages of life is probably clearer in the text then on stage, but the wild, bucking solos given to Boaz Cohen as the young Michael, and the bravado with which he performs them, make a striking impression, and Yossi Mar-Haim's music has haunting moments.

In *Shapes*, Ya'acov Sharir tries to achieve a sculptural quality through slow motion, but the more formal it becomes, the less successful; the looser moments are best, as watchable as seaweed moved by the tide – no less but no more.

Heda Oren's *Once Upon a Time*, however, is an entertaining piece, set to a mixture of Vivaldi (instrumental and vocal) and percussion both military and jazzy. Crazy things happen, like the men strumming the women's legs as if playing instruments, and there is much lively movement, but some sadness too in a solo for Mike Levine after losing his girl to a newcomer.

John Percival

Concert

Philharmonia/Sinopoli

Festival Hall

Whatever else may happen, the Philharmonia are going to be living dangerously with their new principal conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli. They began on Tuesday by dying dangerously with him. Verdi's Requiem was the work: a bold choice for a man taking over an orchestra with memories of performing this piece under other Italian star conductors, Muti and Giulini, and a risky choice for one who does not need the last trump to make him urgent and dynamic. Indeed the risk was too much, as was this performance, and a work that responded all too well to Mr Sinopoli's style ended in caricaturing it.

Take the start of the "Confutatis maledictis", where Verdi throws down two orchestral curses to punctuate the bass solo. Mr Sinopoli had those so leadenly coloured and emphatic, so groaning with the sounds of low clarinets, bassoons and horn, that the gesture appeared simply absurd. Or take the recurrent "Dies irae" music. It is all very well to have this creating a thunderstorm or two in the air above the concert hall; it is even all right if one is reminded of Verdi in *Aida*-triumph mood. But it is a different matter if the orchestra is so shriekingly loud that the voices can make only a minuscule contribution, and it is a different matter, too, if the march tempo is so thumpingly sustained that one fully expects trumpeters, priests and, of course, elephants to proceed across the platform.

Mr Sinopoli's lack of rhythmic subtlety, which made much of the work a sequence of marches and gavottes, would seem to spring from fear of textural disintegration. Here it was a fear well justified. Since two of the soloists, Florence Quivar and Veriano Luchetti, were last-minute substitutes there was some reason for the sólo quartet being so alarmingly unsteady in ensemble and heterogeneous in sound: as in a salad dressing left to stand, there was little contact between the mustardy oil of Miss Quivar and the salted vinegar of Mr. Luchetti. But there was no similar excuse for the three flutes in the "Agnus Dei" to sound as if they had never met before – no excuse, that is, other than Mr Sinopoli's fierce refusal of smoothness and blend.

In Mahler, even in Schumann and just possibly even in Schubert, Mr Sinopoli has proved that going against the music's grain can produce exciting results. But in Verdi the grain is less strongly defined, and if there is no feeling for harmony not only as chordal weight but also as propulsive force then the music will stagnate. Hence the tight discipline and the huge emphasis as devices which are aimed at counteracting that tendency, but which in fact only draw attention to why they are necessary. At times when this did not sound like John Phillip Sousa's interpretation of the Verdi Requiem it sounded like Stravinsky's, except that Stravinsky created a work of his own (the *Requiem Canticles*) out of his misunderstanding, whereas Mr Sinopoli created only confusion and noise.

It was not a happy environment for the soloists: Margaret Price was most unusually strained, Robert Lloyd uncertain of what was required of him. One must hope there has been some settling down by the time of the repeat performance tomorrow.

Paul Griffiths

Opera

No doubts who was really in charge

L'elisir d'amore

Covent Garden

There is nothing quite like a stupendous entrance for making a truly memorable exit, and Sir Geraint Evans, with his impeccable sense of theatrical timing, has surely chosen well. For he bids farewell to Covent Garden not with the *Mastersingers* where he began in 1948, not with the magic of Papageno's *Flute*, not even with Falstaff's philosophy of the world. Instead he appears and disappears with the swish of the stagecoach curtains, the swirl of Dulcamara's rainbow cloak, and with the love-philtre he has kept brewing for nearly 10 years.

John Copley's toy-theatre production of *L'elisir*, originally mounted for Sir Geraint and now rehearsed by Christopher Renshaw, welcomes him back with open arms, and the challenge of two new lovers to get to work on. It says a good deal about the particular nature of Sir Geraint's artistry that, from the moment of his long-expected entrance, word and music suddenly begin to dance together, and orchestra and voices, sluggish in their start, gain impetus and the strength of ensemble so vital in the motley of this staging.

Sir Geraint's mountebank is as wise in his folly, as glad in his showmanship, as ever. But, if anything, there is now more economy of gesture, both vocal and physical, and, significantly, a shrewd and assiduous guardianship, as it were, of his younger charges. Indeed, it is he who, at times, seems both to produce and conduct – and not only in Adina's wedding breakfast duet.

In his Adina he has a fiercely and fearlessly confident woman: Sona Ghazarian, singing the role for the first time at Covent Garden, draws from her voice as many colours as glow from Beni Montresor's designs, and turns them not only to the caprice of *bel canto* but, generously, to the articulation of distinctive individual character. The timing and tasting of her final declaration of love and her wooing back of Nemorino are deliciously achieved.

Her Nemorino is Luis Lima, making his house debut and following equally fearlessly in the footsteps of Gedda, Bergonzi and Carreras. He, too, has that refreshing quality of a sound technique articulating rather than masking individuality of vocal character. His "Una furtiva lagrima" may not have been *canto* at its most *bellissimo*, but the resilience and expressive breadth of his naively boyish and spontaneous portrayal was worth much more.

Ingvar Wixell returns to his swaggering Belcore of 1976, in splendidly focused control, and with a prancing, rumbustious dignity all his own. Cathryn Pope as Gianetta makes a memorable house debut, as does Gabriele Bellini in the pit, as yet a little cautious, overawed, perhaps, by a consciousness of who is really in charge.

Hilary Finch

Return of the angry old Turk

The Times Profile: Kingsley Amis

There are serious comparisons to be made between the work and career of Kingsley Amis and that of the greatest of all our British modern comic novelists, Evelyn Waugh – and they say something about the role of the comic Bad Man of English letters. Both began as radical, spectacular, even outrageous young Turks writing novels for their own generation – Waugh with *Decline and Fall*, still one of his best, and Amis with *Lucky Jim*, still one of his. They were both freshly-formed books dealing with a world where values, mores and social relations had been changed by a recent war. And they signalled to the young that ways of thinking and writing about society had to be different, and that the cleansing comic vision had something to do with it.

Both came to look very different in later career. Waugh, who started as a original modern black humorist, died at 62 a Roman Catholic conservative for whom the modern itself was anathema. Amis at 62 is very much alive, ebullient and clubbable, though he has a well-known splenetic edge that cannot be missed in his political observations, social life, or recent writing. The author who started off as an undergraduate communist at St John's, Oxford, in 1941 ("the only party I ever joined"), and declared himself a probable lifetime Labour voter in his Fabian pamphlet *Socialism and the Intellectuals* in 1957, now describes himself as a non-wet Tory with a few liberal bits (on abortion, hanging and homosexuality). He has little time for socialism or the intellectuals, and is a well-known scourge of such extraordinary things as Modernism.

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Waugh made his living by writing, did his army late, and in effect declined the postwar world. Amis had his war early, catching it in his short stories, and *was* the postwar world. In 1949 he became a lecturer in English at the University College of Swansea, made his first mark as poet, critic, and charismatic, arrogant, very funny lecturer, and moved on to a fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge. Then in 1963, when he was changing wives, and probably values too, he broke with it, amicably enough, to live as a successful writer. He is an honorary fellow of his old Oxford college, but very much a London writer and a social testy comic personality.

For both men acquired complex, very English comic poses which had something to do with clubbability, and the club. If one is not too fond of intellectuals, in a society that certainly isn't, one might, if possible be the gentleman-artist. Waugh was a particular master of this: Edmund Wilson once said his literary method was a version of Jowett's advice to gentlemen "Never apologize, never explain." Writing needed no moral or intellectual explanation, and prejudice formed worthy values. Amis, like Waugh, values stylish prejudice, and like Waugh, has a taste for heroes who are self-confessed shits, assuming it's what you like that does you good, and you may have to be a bit nasty to get it.

Yet both are serious writers. Waugh's late florid face was surely a facade over pain, which he unlocked in the portrayal of his own breakdown in *Gilbert Pinfold*, and again in the sense of social, political and above all sexual treachery that haunts the *Sword of Honour* trilogy, which takes comedy to the edge of tragedy. Amis, who hides a taste for decency behind a kind of literary machismo, disquiets us in the same way. Any reader of recent novels like *Ending Up* (1974), *Jake's Thing* (1978), or the new one due out May 21, *Stanley and the Women*, will find them comedies of desperate matters, dealing with dying, madness, and sexual disappointment hardly to be read without a sense of personal pain.

It is part of the irony of Amis's career that he began by being understood as an angry young man, when he is more an angry old one. *Lucky Jim* – which had been a fair way round the publishers before it came out in 1954, and hung around for another year before coming to seem an exemplary text – was a strange form of anger, that fashionable 1950s commodity. Set in a redbrick university, it was certainly a text fort the times, when meritocratic opportunism pushed against elitist power.

Yet now, Jim Dixon's adversaries hardly look a serious threat. They were the darling dodoes, the elderly lute-players and madrigal singers talking of merrie England and obstructing comic good sense and young love. *Lucky Jim* is a romantic comedy, and comic luck gives Jim the blonde and the good job – a satisfying resolution that later Amis heroes would find harder to achieve. And what Amis really got right was the contemporary tone, expressed in that strongly-voiced, vernacular way of writing that has always been his signature, and which has let him turn particular resentments into comic good sense ("The bloody old towser-faced boot-faced totem pole on a crap reservation, Dixon thought. 'You bloody old towser-faced boot-faced totem pole on a crap reservation,' he said).

It also mattered that this was one of a sequence of books that came out in the high season of fictional change betwen 1950 and 1956, and caught the postwar tendancy or mood. A good many of of our now serious generation of novelists – Angus Wilson, Doris Lessing, Iris Murdoch, John Wain, Willam Golding – were then appearing almost contemporanceously, and the novel itself seemed to matter (as perhaps it begins to do again today). There was no movement, they were all very different writers who went off in all very different directions. But there seemed to be a spirit here, and *Lucky Jim* particularly caught it.

That spirit had to do with virtuous provincialism, no-nonsense realism, and the sounding of a lower-middle-class voice against upper-middle-class language. It was relevant that Amis preferred, and still prefers, to think of himself as first a poet (his substantial *Collected Poems* came out in 1979). Like his good friend Philip Larkin, he was in reaction against the hangover of romantic apocalypticism that still haunted the 1950s; his second novel, *That Uncertain Feeling* (1955), firmly saw off Dylan Thomas and the Welsh bardic spirit in the interests of classic plain-speaking common sense.

Don McCullin



Kingsley Amis: the angry young man at 62

So *Lucky Jim* was both a very contemporary novel and one that led back into classical traditions of the English social and moral novel. That became very clear after Amis won the Somerset Maugham Travelling prize (ironically enough, for Maugham had dismissed the so-called "angries" as "scum") and found that the price was that you had to go abroad. This is the fate suffered by Garnett Bowen, in *I Like It Here* (1958), who goes to Portugal, and meets expatriate writers of the worst kind, who talk experimentally in long sentences. All is lost until he finds in Lisbon the grave of Henry Fielding – the great eighteenth-century writer who, says the book, showed fiction could uphold "a moral seriousness that could be made apparent without evangelical puffing and blowing."

Amis now began to look like a more traditional comic witer, liking it "here," in postwar Britain, and sustaining in modern form the longstanding social tradition of British fiction. Take a Girl Like You (1960), one of his best books, is a very contemporary portrait of sexual mores, but also a modernized replay of Richardson's *Pamela*. Its hero is a version of that growingly powerful Amis figure, the male shit-hero, but it is also about the forging of a modern commonsense romanticism. Above all, though, the book had that deft, vernacular precision about current social relations that now looked like Amis's best gift.

'That cunning vernacular and subtle voicing, gave clarity and fineness to his work'

It was to become a little less exact through the rapid social and behavioural changes of the 1960s and early 1970s – though *I Want it Now* (1968) and *Girl, 20* (1971) are sill notable portraits of changing sexual mores, emotional relationships, and new social types. But his male heroes become more carapaced around by their own desires and certainties; meanwhile, the world outside seems to change beyond their comprehension, and not for the better. Amis appeared to resolve some of his problems of social representation by moving toward attempts at genre fiction: extending James Bond's adventures in the not-very-successful *Colonel Sun* (1968), or exploring his sci-fi interests in his "future fictions," *The Alteration* (1976) and *Russian-Hide-and-Seek* (1980).

But he is not always cunning with plot, and he holds, as if for protection, within traditional forms and types of characterization. Yet there was that cunning vernacular, that subtle social voicing, that gave clarity and fineness to his work. And it was always at its best when it seemed driven by some powerful inner charge, a bitterness, a resentment, that both engaged and troubled the reader. *Ending Up* distrubed, bringing to clarity a haunting sense of human mortality than Amis had expressed before. And *Jake's Thing* troubled in another way, with its late-middle-aged sense of the falsehood of sexual relations.

1922 Born the only child of a South London clerk; scholarship to City of London School and then to St John's, Oxford.
1942 Joined the Royal Signals; left as a lieutenant in 1945.
1948 Married for the first time to Hilary Bardwell: subsequently two sons and a daughter born. Eldest son Martin is a novelist and journalist.
1949 Appointed lecturer in English at Swansea University.
1953 First volume of verse, *A Frame of Mind*.
1954 First novel, *Lucky Jim* won Somerset Maughan Award. An irreverent stab at society that put him in the Angry Young Man camp, and on the Best Seller lists.
1955 *That Uncertain Feeling.*
1960 *Take a Girl Like You.*
1963 *One Fat Englishman*
1965 Married fellow novelist Elizabeth Jane Howard.
1970 *What Became of Jane Austen*, critical essay.
1972 Edited selected stories of G. K. Chesterton.
1975 *Rudyard Kipling and His World.*
1978 *Jake's Thing.*
Edited New Oxford Book of Light Verse
1979 *Collected Poems 1944-79.*
1980 *Russian Hide-and-Seek.*
Awarded CBE.
1981 Edited *The Golden Age of Science Fiction.*
1983 Parted from his wife.
1984 Started editing poetry column in *Daily Mirror.*

Stanley and the Women will trouble even more. Amis accepts that, while reminding us that a book never says everything its author thinks. It is very well written, and deals with deeply troubling things, which suddenly assault the life of the central character, Stanley Duke, an advertising manager for a tabloid newspaper. Married twice, part of Amis's late life world where the males stupefy themselves with drink to avoid being sexually possessed by their women, Stanley is suddenly confronted with the madness of his teenage son, who thinks he is being watched by cosmic forces. Amis has researched this madness with some care, and the portrait is delicate and compelling. It is also anti-Laingian; for it is when the treatment moves from chemo-therapy into the hands of a woman psychologist who looks into family stress that Stanley finds himself in the role of male victim.

Stanley and the Women is not nice, and in some fundamental sense not exactly humane. These lost relationships can be read in reverse, as due consequence of the life of the Amis shit-hero, encased in his maleness. Yet it is human; and like forceful tragedy it takes us, quarrelling, into the pain it clearly feels. Amis, like Waugh, is in some ways an enclosed, cased-off novelist. His now sixteen novels along with his poetry, stories and essays, trace the curve of a career that began in comic buoyancy and now is scarred with something else. Yet there is no mistaking the power of this long dark comedy.

Malcolm Bradbury

Stanley and the Women is published by Hutchinson on May 21, price £8.95.

moreover ... Miles Kington

"The Soviets had reason to worry about Olympic defectors. Los Angeles, as Soviet citizens know, means Hollywood glamour, consumer goods ranging from Ferraris on Sunset Boulevard to black lace scanties in shop windows, walking in the stars' footsteps on the sidewalk outside Sid Grauman's Chinese Theater, beautiful dachas in Beverly Hills, and scores of fast-food outlets. How are you going to keep them down on the collective farm, once they've seen Hollywood?" (Arnold Beichman, in the *Los Angeles Times.*)

The scene is the Russian consulate in Los Angeles, a little-known outpost of the Russian empire. Boris, the consul, is moodily studying a pair of black lace scanties. He quickly puts them back in a drawer when the door opens and Brad enters.

Brad: Hi. You the Russian consul?
Boris: Maybe I am, maybe I'm not. If it's about getting out of Afghanistan, I definitely am not.
Brad: No, no, you can have Afghanistan. I've come about asking for asylum in Soviet Russia.
Boris: This is a little unusual. In fact, this is very unusual. I would go so far as to say that we do not have machinery for offering asylum in Russia. In the same way, East German soldiers do not have instructions about what to do if they see someone climbing the Berlin Wall from West Berlin.
Brad: Yeah, well, I wasn't thinking about climbing the wall. I just want to get to Russia.
Boris: May I ask why you want to go? Why should you want to leave wonderful Los Angeles?
Brad: Oh come *on*, Boris! OK if I call you Boris by the way?
Boris: How do you know my name?
Brad: It's on your door. Look, you know and I know that Los Angeles is the pits. What has it got?
Boris: Hollywood glamour?
Brad: Boris, Boris. You call being run down by Italian sports cars in Sunset Boulevard glamour?
Boris: (*defensively*) I have had very good hamburgers here.
Brad: And now, to crown it all, the Olympics are coming! I've got to get out!
Boris: Life in Russia is not always easy.
Brad: I've had the easy life all my life and its killing me. I need a change. And when I heard that the Russians were refusing to come to LA, I thought: they're the people for me! I've heard so much about your corrective farms . . .
Boris: Collective farms.
Brad: And nice old-fashioned cars, and good plain underwear, and your restaurants . . . what's the service like in your restaurants?
Boris: Good. Not bad. Not good. Slow. Very slow.
Brad: A slow-food outlet! Great! It's a whole different attitude to life. Can you fix me six months on a collective farm?
Boris: No.
Brad: Then I'll have to apply for a kibbutz in Israel.
Boris: (*Hastily*) No, no, let's talk.
Brad: That's better.
Boris But first, perhaps you can tell me something. (*He pulls the lace scanties out of the drawer.*) What are these for?
Brad: I've no idea. I've only seen them in shop windows. Don't you have them in Russia?
Boris: No.
Brad: Boy, this really is the country for me! Now, let's get down to business.

Improving lines on the face of TV

People who watch television never know quite how bad their picture is until they see something better. Most of us lived with the old 405-line screen for more than 20 years, but today, well weaned on to 625 lines, the pictures of yesteryear look as if they had been shot through an egg slicer.

If the technicians of Sony have their way in 10 or 15 years' time we will feel the same way about the picture we now take for granted. High definition television, once the stuff of the TV boffin, has suddenly become the industry's buzzword.

The system could bring cinema quality to homes

Last week, only the day after the BBC had been given permission to go into partnership with the commercial sector to launch a Direct Broadcast Satellite system, the corporation's director general, Alasdair Milne, could be heard musing most publicly about HDTV. Did it really make sense, he seemed to be asking, for the corporation and its stablemates to spend £400m on DBS in 1987 when what the public of 1990 might want is better reception, perhaps in preference to a vast choice of programmes?

Channel 4's chief engineer, Ellis Griffiths, is one of the few British broadcasters who has seen HDVT in action during its one public appearance at an industry exhibition in Las Vegas earlier this year. He was overwhelmed by the quality of its 1,125-line. "The display was on a large screen about 10 feet wide. You could just about discern the line structure from five feet away", he says.

HDTV supporters say that, coupled with a more oblong screen, advances in noise reduction, digital recording equipment and stereo sound, the system could give home television the clarity of the cinema screen with the reliable colour brilliance of conventional TV.

British viewers will have to wait until the International Broadcasting Conference in Brighton in September before passing judgment. At the moment, Sony does not have one HDTV set in the country, and does not expect to deliver to any customer for at least another year. The price for a camera, the two requisite video recorders, and a large screen will be more than £550,000. Business and medical users are likely to be early buyers, and so, says Sony's UK deputy managing director, Stuart Sanson, are those involved in defence projects.



TV Times: watching an old 405-line set from the Fifties and (right) the present and future formats

How long it will take the 1,125-line HDTV screen to reach the domestic living room is another matter. The technology involved is complex and expensive. HDTV's principal gain in quality comes through increasing the number of screen lines, but it also incorporates a host of features to improve the picture and sound signal.

Satellite broadcast would be instantly available

Such sophistication inevitably means a wider signal than that of today's television. To relay the necessary information in a conventional way requires a broadcasting band width of 30MHZ compared with 8MHZ on a 625-line mono television satellite signal. On that basis, Unisat, the system chosen by the Government for the BBC project, would be hard pressed to carry one HDTV channel, though it could transmit three of today's.

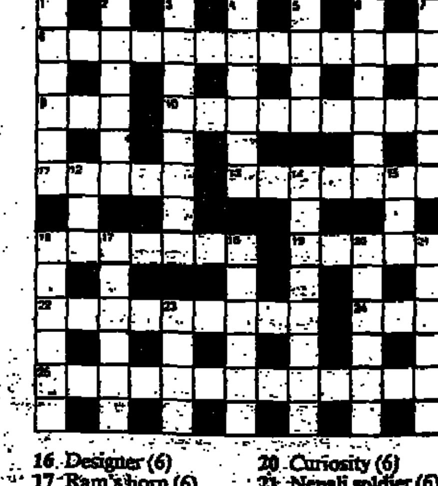
But companies and research units throughout the world are trying to compress the signal to around 8MHZ, and are optimistic that they will do so by 1987.

One possibility is fitting each television set with a computer memory. At the moment, every dot of a television picture is flashed to the set 50 times each second. In the high definition set, the memory would "learn" those parts of the picture which do not change, enabling the satellite to restrict the transmitted information and so reduce the transmitted signal – but, at the same time, raising the price of the set.

HDTV would have one advantage over previous technological advances however. Broadcast by satellite, it would be instantly available throughout Britain and beyond. The slow spread of 625-line transmitters throughout the country is a thing of the past. High definition *may* be a thing of the future.

David Hewson

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 344)



ACROSS
8 Human antiquities expert (13)
9 Un-hit run (3)
10 Grave slab (9)
11 Family division (5)
13 Closest (7)
16 Arms store (7)
19 Over length (5)
22 Irish prime minister (9)
24 East Germany (1,1,1)
25 Noisy row (8,5)

DOWN
1 Jumble (6)
2 Partition (6)
3 One-sided (8)
4 Widespread (6)
5 Occupations (4)
6 Midpoint aerial (6)
7 Town road (6)
12 Heed (3)
14 Detested thing (8)
15 Serious offence (3)
16 Designer (6)
17 Ram's horn (6)
18 Memorized (6)
20 Curiosity (6)
21 Nepali soldier (6)
23 Wise man (4)

SOLUTION TO No 343
ACROSS: 1 Maquis 4 Peddle 7 Rain 8 Renegade 9 Skewbald 13 Beg 16 Saint Agnes Eve 17 Fee 19 Ringside 24 Aerofoil 25 Bits 26 Myself 27 Torero
DOWN: 1 Miro 2 Quicklime 3 Shrub 4 Panel 5 Doge 6 Ladle 10 Water 11 Argon 12 Dress 13 Breadline 14 Glee 15 USAF 18 Every 20 In off 21 Gilet 22 Vole 23 Zero

Tomorrow: The Times Guide to the European elections

A story of how a work of art was brought to life

James Fenton on the letters behind the book

JEAN RHYS LETTERS 1931-1966
Edited by Francis Wyndham and Diana Melly
Andre Deutsche, £9.95

The sense that, whatever misfortune or injustice she suffered, she would never be able successfully to explain her case – this was something she appears to have acquired early and never to have lost. She believed that "persecution maniacs" have always been the victims of real persecution "and usually still are". Society – particularly British society – was cruel and hypocritical. "Everbody's trying to hurt first, to get in the dig that will make him or her feel superior, feel triumph." The stale atmosphere of bad hotels and lodging houses remained forever in her lungs. Tough luck pursued her like a vindictive landlady.

So it is hardly surprising that, when the actress Selma Vaz Dias rediscovered and broadcast the work of Jean Rhys, there was a nasty neighbour on hand to spoil some of the fun:

My bitter enemy next door is now telling everyone very loud and clear that I'm an impostor "impersonating a dead writer called Jean Rhys". She's accused me of every crime in the calendar from adultery through dog poisoning to whatever Z stands for. Zenophobia? What's that? From adultery to Zenophobia....

And she begins to contemplate how she would succeed in proving her identity.

I suppose that if you have worked hard for success as a writer, achieving little recognition beyond a small circle, and if you then spend many years missing-presumed-dead, and are finally accused of impersonation, you do feel impelled to fight like a cat for your identity. Here she is again in a happier mood:

I don't know why Miss Smith & Co thought I was dead. It does seem more fitting I know, but life is never neat and tidy. I feel a bit like poor old Rasputin, who was poisoned, stabbed in the front and shot in the back but was still alive kicking and crowing when flung in the snow.

The point is lightly made but seriously meant. She had indeed suffered many blows and she was believed by many to be either bad or mad.

Thus, when she slaps a neighbour's face and is had up for assault, the court sends her for five days to the hospital of Holloway prison, to find out whether she is potty or not. (She has cried a lot in court). At the same time (this is 1950 and she is approaching the age of 60) her third husband Max Hamer is becoming involved with crooks in the solicitor's office where he works. But she can't tell anyone or get help from the family because nobody will believe her. Max is not, she says, a bad hat. He's potty. The trouble is, she *looks* potty. There's nothing to do except turn to drink: "I went all of a doodah." Max goes to jail. She contemplates leaving him but cannot help supporting him. And for the rest of this volume this is what, to the best of her ability, she does, while at the same time trying desperately to write *Wide Sargasso Sea*. Max's health fails. His illness hopelessly interrupts her writing.



The young woman who grew, with pain and grief and humour, into a great writer

Years of penury and petty difficulties might make for trying reading but there is no general bitterness in this book. Not in the sense of envious bitterness. She likes recognition when she gets it – it bucks her up no end. But she does not seem to have considered it her right. She is not envious of more successful novelists – her literary judgments are generous and objective. Recognition is like money and she *loves* money in a very straightforward way. But she has no idea how to acquire either recognition or money except by writing a very good book indeed. Her integrity as an artist is never in question.

Of those whose recognition kept that integrity on the rails, Selma Vaz Dias is the first to be mentioned. She it was who resurrected the pre-war novels and adapted them for radio, performing them herself. "Her nature," the editors say, "was dominating, possessive and touchy. As her friendship with Jean progressed these qualities became increasingly obtrusive and were eventually to verge on paranoia.". A tough judgement in few words, which even so hardly prepares us for the discovery late in the volume that Selma got Jean to sign a contract making over 50 per cent of the performing rights on *all* her works and giving her sole artistic control over all adaptations. This scandalous contract was eventually modified, but the heirs of Selma still receive a large proportion of Jean's postumous earnings.

Francis Wyndham and Diana Athill at Andre Deutsch become progressively the heroes of the book (and not through any self-advertisement either – the book is scupulously edited by Mr Wyndham and Mrs Melly). It takes a little effort of the imagination to see that the project they were supporting throughout these years was not the famous novel we all know and like but an unknown quality. The best to be hoped for was a late flowering by a completely unknown lady. Mr Wyndham continued his interest in book and author after leaving Deutsch, and seems, like Miss Athill, to have been supportive, patient, critical and *practical*. Miss Athill sends down a secretary to get the whole thing down from dictation. Mr Wyndham on receipt of a deranged letter sends a cheque for £100 with advice to take a holiday.

During this last period she is living in Devon, in a small cottage owned by her brother in Cheriton Fitz Paine. As with all her living arrangements, this one begins auspiciously and turns into a nightmare.

In this period, a phrase recurs in her letters which, as well as anything, sums up her attitude to life and to her writing. She detests, she says, penny-in-the-slot thoughts and actions. If she lives, she will call her next book *There is no penny and there is no slot*. She tries to tell Selma that writing is not easy, but she feels she cannot convince her. And as she repeats to Mr Wyndham:

There is no penny, no slot. Not thousands of pounds could work that slot if it existed. There is only trying to make something out of nothing. (Except of course disbelief in oneself and failure and emptiness. And above all waiting for the time when all that does not count.)

But in the end the book gets finished, and on the day of Max's cremation she writes to Miss Athill:

I feel that I've been walking a tight-rope for a long time and have finally fallen off. I can't believe that I am so alone, and there is no Max.
I've dreamt several times that I was going to have a baby – then woke with relief. Finally I dreamt that I was looking at the baby in a cradle – such a puny weak thing. So the book must be finished and that must be what I think about it really. I don't dream about it any more.

Old pro recorded at work

John Higgins

INTERVIEWS AND ENCOUNTERS WITH VERDI
Edited, introduced and annotated by Marcello Conati
Translated by Richard Stokes
Gollancz, £20

Was Giuseppe Verdi really the Bear of Busseto, ready to snarl at, and even maul, anyone who dared penetrate his country retreat? The majority of those who were allowed in for the first time, quite often through an introduction from his publisher, Ricordi, or from the librettist of his last two operas, Arrigo Boito, found the most civil and welcoming of bears. De Lauzieres, one of Verdi's most fervent supporters in France, describes him as a mixture of child and patriarch: "a patriach before his time, a child with a grey beard".

Indeed none of the encounters in Marcello Conati's engrossing collection ends in a mauling, although there is a certain smugness on the part of some visitors that they managed to tame the bear. The truth surely was that Verdi had little taste for socializing. He believed in conserving his strength by retiring early, starting work often at dawn, and breathing in the country air whenever possible. Liszt liked to be lionized. Verdi preferred to get on and write operas. And how right he was not to waste his time on purveyors of romantic gossip is proved by a "memoir" such as that by Caterina Pigorini, which is pure inflated nonsense. The admiration Verdi rightly liked was spontaneous outbursts from the populace: the peasants in the fields suddenly erupting into the Act III chorus from *I Lombardi* as Verdi passed by, recorded by a German visitor, or an impromptu demonstration of affection by the crowd at Turin station near the end of his life when he was returning from a *Falstaff* in Paris.

Beyond such vignettes lie valuable information on Verdi at work, both at home and in the theatre, especially on his last two operas. If there is a fault in Conati's collection then it is the concentration on the final years to the exclusion of the middle-aged Verdi. But it is there when the bear really was a patriarch, presumably, that the best material lies and Conati has certainly cast his net far and wide. The editing is scrupulous, the annotations most scholarly and the presentation of each author admirable – sometimes more admirable than the words that follow. The book is in every way worthy to go alongside the same author's *Verdi Companion*. It is essential for all Verdians.

● Operetta. A Theatrical History (*Gollancz, £12.95*). Richard Traubner's book is one by an enthusiast for enthusiasts. Not much criticism here of a genre that could occasionally do with a little self-examination. The prose may gush a bit, but the illustrations are fascinating.

Mum's the word makes a safe DG but a dull book

John Campbell

SPLIT SCREEN
By Ian Trethowan
Hamish Hamilton, £12

Why do people write memoirs? "Yours is an extraordinary story", a friend encouraged Ian Trethowan in time-honoured fashion. "How someone of your background became Director-General of the BBC. You really should write about it, show how it all happened." So he did: a pardonable vanity. The trouble is he hasn't told very much about how anything happened.

Why do people read memoirs? Either, I would suggest, because the writer is able, by his self-knowledge and self-exposure in no matter what calling, to shed some unique light on universal experience; or because he has taken part in shaping historic events and has something to say about them. The first type might properly be termed autobiography, the second memoirs. Ian Trethowan's book though as shrewd, balanced, and elegant as anyone who remembers his political reporting would expect, falls between the two, and some way short of either.

Though he begins dutifully with his childhood (middle middle-class Home Counties suburbia) and schooling (Christ's Hospital) this is not truly an autobiography. He traces the steps of his professional career, but his private life is totally excluded till the final pages. There is no self-revelation; and there is really nothing very extraordinary about his rise, which he attributes, characteristically, to luck.

From junior reporter (£1 a week plus bicycle allowance) on the *Eastern Daily Press* and the *Yorkshire Post* he became lobby correspondent of the latter, then political correspondent of the old *News Chronicle*; newscaster and then political editor in the early days of ITN, he switched to the BBC to do Current Affairs programmes in 1963 and moved swiftly up the ladder – Managing Director, Radio; Managing Director, Television; DG in 1977. His greatest attribute – one can only guess from this account – was a safe pair of hands.

From his days as a lobby correspondent Trethowan has not lost the habit of discretion. The bulk of his book is taken up with a record of events long past and politicians mostly dead (Butler, Maudling, Macleod, etc) of whom his careful assessments, though admirably shrewd, balanced, and elegant (see above) revise not a whit the accepted reputations which, as a contemporary commentator, he had a hand in forming. The journalist as historian, regrettably, has no fresh insights. (The one exception is that he writes warmly and with unusual sympathy of Edward Heath). The heart of the book is contained in just three chapters near the end, where he has important personal experience to relate: one on the job of the Director-General and his relationship with the Chairman and the Governors, and two on the political battles which he, in that office, had to fight and the pressures he had to resist.

In these 44 pages there could have been a book. Trethowan's too brief accounts of tussles with the Callaghan Government over pay policy, the licence fee, and the Annan Committee, and of a number of short-lived political storms about the reporting of Northern Ireland in the early Thatcher years, are the stuff of real memoirs. But the biggest issue of his time at the top of the BBC he ducks completely. The role of the broadcasters in the Falklands war is a matter of live controversy to which he could, had he wished, have contributed authoritatively; in fact he devotes to it exactly two pages, concluding blandly that the BBC got the balance "about right". The usefulness of this book is therefore sadly limited. Perhaps he wrote it too soon. More likely it would be simply out of character for him to have revealed more. The very qualities which took him to the top forbid it.

When the towers of Folly fall

Philip Howard

THE MARCH OF FOLLY
By Barbara W. Tuchman
Michael Joseph, £14.95

In her new book Barbara Tuchman, the distinguished American historian, attacks a recurrent theme rather than a period in human affairs. One of her strengths has always lain in finding the connexions. In *A Distant Mirror*, for example, she saw the image of our own time reflected darkly in the calamitous fourteenth century. The folly she is describing this time is the propensity of governments to pursue policies contrary to their self-interest, in spite of clear evidence and explicit warnings that the policy will end in tears.

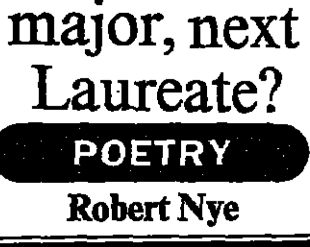
This common curse of mankind, folly and ignorance, she illustrates in four principal events, widely separated in time and character: the decision of the Trojans to pull that fatal horse within their walls; the secular ambition and corruption of the Renaissance popes between 1470 and 1530 that provoked the Protestant secession; the pig-headedness of British politicians to assert a right they could not exert, that lost the American colonies; and America's recent betrayal of herself in Vietnam, from which she has still not recovered.

No professional historian, except perhaps Clio, could treat them all with equal authority.

The events are dealt with in ascending order of length, detail, and persuasiveness. Taking in the Wooden Horse, if it really happened, was a single decision taken by Trojan war lords, infatuated by Ate, whose name you can translate, I suppose, as Folly. The Protestant secession, the American Revolution, and the Vietnam morass, were more complex historical events, with many causes and influences. Folly, in Tuchman's technical meaning, no doubt played a large part in each of them. But there were other factors, follies, and even good intentions, sometimes the greatest folly of all.

Tuchman's virtue is to detect a strong, simple pattern in history, and to trace it vividly. Folly, no doubt, has played a large part in human affairs; and always will. But there were other players even in Tuchman's chosen events: luck, social and economic changes, even wisdom.

Minor, major, next Laureate?



POETRY

Robert Nye

There is a sonnet by Keats which celebrates "calmest thoughts" and which concludes with three images emblematic of such thoughts –

the gradual sand that through an hour-glass runs,
A woodland rivulet, – a Poet's death.

I have always supposed that Keats had his own anticipated death in mind, or perhaps the suicide of Chatterton a generation before. Be that as it may, there is something memorable in the idea that a poet's death has a special power not so much to move and disturb, as to calm the mind and make it concentrate. It is a thought close to the spirit of **A Celebration of and for Frances Horovitz 1938-1983** *(New Departures 16, Piedmont, Bisley, near Stroud, Glos GL6 7BU, £2 plus 50p postage and packing).*

Frances Horovitz was a poet and an exceptionally fine and sensitive reader of other people's poetry – many who never met her must have known her voice from broadcasts on the radio. She died last autumn of cancer, at the early age of 45. This small book has been put together by her former husband, Michael Horovitz, the veteran enfant terrible. It consists of 30 uncollected poems by Frances herself, plus elegies and tributes by several of her friends, the whole being illustrated with family photographs. The result is beautiful and touching, a labour of love. I like especially the lively simplicity and freshness of her *Snow poem*:



Death of a poet

green sky,
rose glow
off Christmas-white fields;
woods bowed in ermine,
the frailest stem snow-furred;
berries burn their slow fire,
the robin too –
his dancing flame
warms through windows

Of course this is minor poetry, and Frances Horovitz would not have wanted us to pretend otherwise. But it seems to me authentic, the work of a gifted woman who responded poetically to life, and who – as the final poems show – faced the prospect of her own death with much courage.

● When Ronald Bottrall was young he was praised to the skies by Leavis. Since then – and maybe as a result? – he seems to have been ignorantly ignored by everyone else. Now, at the age of 78, he should at last take his rightful place among the English poets with the publication of his quite extraordinary volume **Against a Setting Sun** *(Allison & Busby, £4.95)*. I call the book extraordinary because the energy, vitality, and verve of the verse in it would distinguish it at any stage of any poet's career. Coming, as it does, so late in Bottrall's, and after so much public neglect, the book is a kind of testament to the indomitable nature of true poetry.

Not that *all* the undervaluing of Bottrall can be blamed on critical fashion. ... He is a difficult writer to appreciate in that he has not refined just one of his several manners so that its excellence is undeniable, preferring instead to conduct a dialogue with his own experience which comes out on the page as now lyrical, now satirical, now trivial, now profound. In other words, and they might as well be Martin Seymour-Smith's words, in his excellent introduction, "each Bottrall volume, but this one most of all, gives the lively and candid record of a whole life, and it therefore breathes life". I shall quote the whole of the short poem containing the phrase which gives the book its title, since its mix of vision and scepticism offers in cocktail form a sharp taste of this poet's mind:

Ever since the State failed to wither
I have never plugged my ears with wax
To block out the song the Sirens sing,
A song I've waited for years to hear.
Through a pilgrim's progress on its tracks
I hear it now and I am sailing
Happy towards those enchanted rocks
Framed against a setting sun that mocks
The few fading flowers strewn on my bier.

● Another spectacular and heartening late flowering has been that of Gavin Ewart, now firmly re-established as the wittiest and wickedest living writer of light verse in English. **The Ewart Quarto** *(Hutchinson, £3.95)* ranges from ballads and haikus and love songs to a Pindaric Ode on the Third Test played at Headingley between England and Australia in 1981. It is all light-hearted and ingenious, and some of it is splendidly filthy. May the poetry critic of *The Times* express the hope that Ewart be appointed the next Poet Laureate? He would, after all, restore to that office some of the true poetic importance of being Court Jester.

Love and all that in Saganland, Belfast, Ohio

FICTION

Nicholas Shakespeare

THE STILL STORM
By Francoise Sagan
W. H. Allen, £8.95

TO STAY ALIVE
By Linda Anderson
Bodley Head, £7.95

DURING THE REIGN OF THE QUEEN OF PERSIA
By Joan Chase
Virago, £8.95

I've slightly changed my mind about *Françoise Sagan*. Yes, I know she's never fulfilled the precocious promise of *Bonjour Tristesse* and that to call her last epic wooden would be an insult to trees – *The Painted Lady* must have been composed in a day-dream at the hairdresser – but this new novel has done something to cure my Saganophobia. In it she washes her hair of the twentieth century, exchanges her Aston Martin for a horse and carriage (such as carried the Duc de Sagan, that Proustian character whose name she took), and come up with something which, all right, won't exactly make Stendhal eat his heart out but will make the reader want to lick his finger and turn the pages.

These pages purport to be the journal of a lonely old man who looks back 30 years to the spring of 1832 (the same gap interestingly which separates us from the publication of *B.T.*). Then, as a young provincial lawyer, he had experienced the hopeless optimism of someone in love with a woman he "was unable to move, except to pity." The woman, the artistocratic Flora de Margelasse, fills him with inexpressible jealousy when she falls for one Gildas, a farmhand who happens to be a poet. Sensibly, Sagan doesn't inflict on us too much of Gildas's simply execrable verse. Four lines is enough to drive Flora mad. (Another line and I would have joined her). For a time Gildas manages to satisfy her Lawrentian taste, but then, O horror of horrors – the pain is such I can hardly go on – Gildas falls in love with, yes, you've guessed . . . Flora's savagely beautiful chambermaid. By the time "this awesome and deadly drama" had ended in a flurry of duels and masked balls I felt quite faint. Not because Sagan's lines, like Gildas's are sometimes so awful that it becomes compulsory to read between them, but because she is actually a much better and more serious writer than her audience's demands will allow.

One interrogator's trick in Northern Ireland is to start off with unpredictable violence, then, without warning, turn nice and talk warmly. This method is adopted by Linda Anderson in her first novel – the best about Belfast since David Martin's *The Task* – yet oddly it is the author, not the reader, who ends up breaking down. Each dawn in this necropolis brings some pathetic corpse to light. Everyone has complicity in the death, from the Old Testament faces of the Catholic community, cherishing grudges from the past – 800 years of it – to the British soldiers who only focus on these people through a rifle sight. Dan, a medical student, and Rosaleen, his wife, are a young couple caught in no-mans-land. Linda Anderson explores how each, through no wish of their own, is propelled into opposing camps – Dan into helping the IRA, Rosaleen into taking a lover from the army. Her clipped, tense prose works best in conveying how, in the sour alleys of Belfast, disgust at everything, most of all oneself, becomes "a pleasure and an absolution." It is less successful in sustaining what should be the story of just two people. A cockatrice caught in her own mirror, she seems transfixed with horror not only by the violence she describes, but by her very real ability to describe it. This horror results first in cold-footed hesitation on first meeting her soldier, Rosaleen is seduced in a cemetery – only to forget the episode completely. Then in a panic-stricken attempt to explain all sides of the story by wheeling on many more characters.

This is rather what Joan Chase does – in a more leisurely way – during the course of her first novel about life on the flowing prairies. Set on a farm in Ohio, it looks at three generations of women (too many) through the inquisitive eyes of four young cousins.

Joan Chase writes wholemeal prose and she writes it with energy. By the end though, sated with the taste of yoghurt, and wheatgerm and sunflower seed, I felt it was the energy of a cow in a health-food shop.



THE TIMES DIARY

Toivo's Travels

Sir Geoffrey Howe, and top-level Foreign Office officials are expected to hold secret talks this week with the father of the Namibian Liberation movement, Andimba Toivo ya Toivo, who arrives in London today on his first European visit. It is hoped Toivo ya Toivo, who has just been released after 16 years from South Africa's notorious Robben Island prison, will put pressure on Sir Geoffrey to persuade South African prime minister Botha to pull his troops out of Namibia; talks in Lusaka broke down last week after South Africa again refused to concede to the longstanding UN resolution which demands its withdrawal. Botha is due to meet Sir Geoffrey in London next month.

Toivo ya Toivo, a founder member of Swapo, was expelled from South Africa in 1957 after he smuggled a taped testimony on South Africa's occupation of Namibia to the UN, hidden in a copy of *Gulliver's Travels*. In 1966 he was arrested after launching Swapo's armed liberation struggle, and was later tried in Pretoria under South Africa's Terrorism Act. He was released from Robben Island on March 1 this year.

Blocking move

The inquest on banker Dennis Skinner, who died after a fall from his Moscow flat, is sending a chill through British cancer specialist Richard Mould. Mould, who was lecturing on nuclear medicine at the Moscow University Institute at the time of Skinner's death, is convinced he almost met a similar fate. Two KGB agents walked into his fourth-floor room, at the Minsk Hotel, pinned him against the wall, and accused him of breaking currency regulations. One then ominously shut the window. Three days later the agents, Tommy and Yuri, returned to his hotel, bundled him into a car, and then wined and dined him on caviar and cognac. "We would like you to find out in England about the pill given to radiation workers in power stations which stops any effects of the radiation they received." Despite Mould's protests of ignorance, the Russians offered money. He was finally released, and thanked for "surviving two-and-half hours of verbal chess".

● Barnsley Labour Party is apparently not well versed in ecclesiastical titles. At a recent discussion on a proposed CND meeting one committee member asked: "Who's this M.G.R. Kent then?"

BARRY FANTONI



"My husband promised a weekend in Paris as soon as the decree absolute comes through."

Lying doggo

We shall never know whether MPs are liars or not – or indeed whether journalists are either. Yesterday's lie-detecting test, which my parliamentary colleague Richard Evans was due to undergo, was called off at the last minute because, like Peter Thurnham, MP, he was considered "not quite right". The House of Commons Committee on Employment, which is investigating the use of the polygraph to vet GCHQ staff, was apparently afraid Evans would print the results. So who is "quite right"? Anonymous persons, they say.

● Having secured Richard Burton to play Winston Smith's interrogator in the film of 1984, Virgin Films is billing him as "winner of seven Academy Award nominations". Will it catch on?

On target

When Lady Olga Maitland was touting for the first president of her Women and Families for Defence, she was adamant that not only Tories were being considered. "I am very choosy", she told me. Yesterday the group named its new president: Lord Trenchard, a staunch Tory, who was Thatcher's Department of Industry minister, and until last year her Defence Procurement minister. His favourite pastime in *Who's Who?* Shooting, of course. The four vice-chairmen appointed to Lady Olga's outfit are: Angela Rumbold, Tory MP for Mitcham and Morden; Charles Mosley, chairman of the Conservative's Richmond branch; Toby Horton, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Sedgefield; and finally 17-year-old Greenwich schoolgirl, Janet Parrett, Chairman of Eltham Young Conservatives and founder of MAGGIE, the Multi-lateral Action Group for Getting Ideas Expressed.

PHS

Kenneth Fleet on the logic of merging two industrial giants

Leaner – and now bigger

The great majority of this country's top 100 companies are hobbies for their dominant figures, whether lords, knights or still plain squires. Lord Weinstock (GEC), Lord Hanson (Hanson Trust), Lord Forte (Trusthouse Forte), Sir Ernest Harrison (Racal), Sir John Clark (Plessey), Mr Owen Green (BTR) are just a random few of those who are, or are on the threshold, of becoming household names.

In this context, "hobby" does not imply a spare-time interest pursued by amateurs. Nothing could be further from the truth. With isolated exceptions our leading corporations are led by men (as yet, there are no women) who are intensely professional and dedicated to the businesses which influence and condition their lives.

It is their strength to understand the fundamental commercial reality of Britain in the 1980s. This economy is neither big enough nor will it grow fast enough to satisfy their corporate ambitions at home or provide a base to compete internationally against the corporate giants of America, Japan and continental Europe. Electronic communications are rapidly turning the world into a global village.

We are now entering a phase of major mergers among companies already perceived by most of us as big, although not by international standards. In this latest wave of amalgamations, which historically is the final phase of industry's adjustment to the loss of Empire and the vanished twilight of the Sterling Area, cross-border links will be as common as formal ties between British companies.

This is the new corporatism. It does not signal the end of the fashionable era of "small is beautiful": it recognizes that unless the universal trading estate does not touch your business, size means survival and, you believe, success.

This industrial logic is not yet widely appreciated. Even the Stock Exchange – which is now sweating under the same sort of international pressures – whistled in collective astonishment when Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of recently privatized British Aerospace, revealed on Tuesday that Thorn EMI, the major force in UK consumer electronics, had initiated talks that could result in a merger.

Mr Peter Laister, who recently succeeded Sir Richard Cave as chairman, could not have put Thorn's thinking more lucidly. The board had wished "for a long time to shift the balance of the group's activities away from being heavily consumer-oriented and concentrated in the UK".

A Thorn-British Aerospace merger presents the Government with the peculiar problem of letting go completely to the private sector a strategic business in which it is pledged to control at least a quarter of the votes. The state currently holds 48.43 per cent of the shares but the intention is to sell more. This problem, however, is secondary to the issue of monopolies policy.

This is completely out of phase with the facts of commercial life – facts which have been emphasized and given a razor edge by Mrs Thatcher's policies and her economic philosophy. Four years of recession and the abolition of all foreign exchange controls in the autumn of 1979 have proved a more powerful combination of forces than anyone could have foreseen.

Manufacturing industry has become not only leaner and more efficient, it has also been weaned of the temptation to take the recovery of the last 12 months at its face value.

The Prime Minister's doctrines have been learnt the hard way. There were more than 7,000 bankruptcies and 13,432 company liquidations last year: in 1979 the figures were 3,500 and 4,537

The survivors, right across the corporate spectrum, have made reduction of debt and accumulation of cash their first priority. Companies are now awash with money which they are carefully husbanding, because either they believe the recovery is ephemeral or because they do not see attractive opportunities for new investment.

Freedom from foreign exchange controls enables them to take their money where they will, but that is barely the half of it. Only since the autumn of 1979 have most British companies felt compelled to measure virtually everything they do, like pricing their products, and virtually everything that is done to them, especially the critical costs of labour and of money, by world standards.

That is one of Mrs Thatcher's new disciplines, though it was hardly understood four and a half years ago. Another is import competition, which has destroyed entire sectors of British manufacturing industry and concentrated minds in the areas that are left. The Government's willingness to use North Sea oil revenues to finance the imported goods the British consumer is determined to possess has had two significant consequences. It has helped the anti-inflation cause in the short term by keeping UK shop prices down, and it has made British companies think deeply about the probable size and shape of industrial structures in 10 years' time.

The conclusions are inescapable. The developed world is rapidly becoming a single market for a wide range of products, and this single market will be largely catered for by multinational corporations.

These are the market forces now driving British companies into bigger groupings. A monopoly at home may be a small price to pay to stay in the manufacturing game.

The man who would rule Angola

Jamba, south-eastern Angola

Sir John Leahy, the British envoy who flew into rebel-held territory in Angola last weekend to accept the release of 16 Britons taken hostage by Dr Jonas Savimbi's Unita movement, found himself on the receiving end of one of the world's most successful public relations organizations. To many in the Foreign Office it was a distasteful and humiliating excursion – "opera bouffe in a jungle setting" as one diplomat privately called it – but once again Dr Savimbi has shown that he is not to be overlooked in any peace settlement in Southern Africa.

Tight-lipped and obviously uncomfortable on his arrival at Jamba, the rebel's lair in the south-eastern Angola bush, into which a large posse of international journalists had also been flown, Sir John had noticeably warmed to Dr Savimbi's undoubted charm by the end of his visit and was fulsome in his praise of the Unita leader's "great qualities of leadership and colourful style". It is likely that Sir John took away with him a rather more sobering assessment of Unita's potential than London has had for some time.

There is much evidence that the Foreign Office has failed to inform adequately hundreds of British technicians offered lucrative short-term contracts in Angola of the dangers posed by the civil war.

"We base our assessment of the risks on the situation at a particular time", Sir John replied cautiously to questions about this apparent failure of intelligence. There can be no doubt, however, that Dr Savimbi has long been more than a skilful showman making defiant gestures from the safety of a remote and sparsely populated corner of the country which Angola's former Portuguese rulers used with some reason to call "the end of the world". Unita is methodically establishing control over wide areas of the country, isolating towns and making it increasingly difficult for the Luanda regime to govern.

The strategy is one of economic disruption rather than the capture and holding of territory. The crippling of the Benguela railway, once the main outlet to the Atlantic for copper and cobalt from Zaire and Zambia, has been a chief objective and is costing Angola a fortune in lost transit fees. Other road and rail links are severely disrupted by ambushes and landmines. Agriculture, as much because of bad management as the activities of Unita, has been devastated. Once a food-exporting nation, Angola now imports 90 per cent of its needs.

Most estimates suggest that directly or indirectly Angola, a country blessed with diamond and oil riches, is spending up to 70 per cent of its economic resources on defence. Unita is, of course, only one factor in this cost. Until last February, when Angola signed a ceasefire agreement with South Africa in Lusaka, Luanda was also waging a debilitating war against South African forces along its southern border with Namibia, where Swapo guerrillas with bases in Angola are fighting for independence from Pretoria.

Dr Jonas Savimbi at the Unita base: making life difficult for Luanda

The briefing map which Colonel Wambu Kasitu, one of Dr Savimbi's intelligence officers, wheels out for the increasingly frequent foreign visitors to Jamba shows a picture of constantly expanding Unita activity. Nearly all of Moxico and Cuando Cubango provinces, roughly the south-eastern third of the country, is claimed to be under total Unita control, while Unita is said to be operative in more than another third of the country. Only the north-western Zaire and Uige provinces, the far north-east corner of the country and the south-western coastal region, are free of the red and green arrows indicating clashes with government troops.

According to Colonel Kasitu, Unita now deploys 20,000 guerrillas and 20,000 "semi–regulars" operating in battalion and brigade strength. During April, Unita claims to have shot down two government helicopters, destroying 90 trucks, blown up a bridge and killed 728 soldiers of Fapla, the Angolan army, and 69 Cubans fighting with them, against a loss of only 43 of its own troops. It also says it took 52 Angolans prisoner, while 17 of its own men went missing, and captured 832 rifles. If even half this is true, it implies a severe problem for the Luanda regime.

What is certain is that hundreds of trucks move freely up and down the so-called "Savimbi trail", a network of rough bush roads, with several branches, running up the eastern side of Angola. They carry supplies into the heart of the country and up as far north as the Benguela railway and even beyond. South of the railway, from the observation of foreign captives who have been brought down the trail, there is virtually no sign of government counter-insurgency activity, and lorries move at night with headlights on without fear of attracting enemy aircraft.

For the rest of this year, Colonel Kasitu says, Unita intends to concentrate on extending its operations into Zaire province north of Luanda, and the Cabinda enclave with its rich offshore oilfields, where the presence of international oil companies such as America's Gulf Oil would add a new diplomatic dimension to the civil war. That this threat may not be mere bravado is indicated by Unita's recently demonstrated ability to strike at targets lying more than 800 miles away from its base area, such as Kafunfo in the north and Sumbe (formerly Novo Redondo) on the coast below Luanda.

Unita admits that it cannot hold any major towns because it would then make itself a target for the Angolan government's air power, mainly Soviet MIG 21s. But the guerrillas argue that they do not need to do so to achieve their aims. They are also prepared to be ruthless. Colonel Kasitu had no hesitation in claiming responsibility for a bomb explosion in the central town of Huambo last month, which may have killed between 100 and 200 people. He also justified the blowing up of a Boeing 737 earlier this year on the grounds that "we had good intelligence that MPLA (that is Luanda government) representatives were aboard".

Dr Savimbi makes no secret of the fact that South Africa has been an important source of support, but denies that he would be unable to survive without it.

The son of a stationmaster on the Benguela railway, and a student of political science at Fribourg and Lausanne Universities, Dr Savimbi is usually given the journalistic label "pro-Western". It would be truer to say he was a pragmatic African nationalist prepared to accept support from almost any quarter to get into power. He is also keen to redress what he regards as a gross injustice from the time of Angola's independence from Portugal, after he fall of the Salazar regime in the mid-1970s.

Unita – the acronym for Uniao Nacional para a Independencia Total de Angola – was one of three nationalist movements fighting the Portugese. In the confused situation following Portugal's chaotic departure – in which there was external intervention from South Africa, encouraged initially by the United States, as well as from Cuba and the Soviet Union – the Moscow-backed Marxist MPLA movement seized power in a coup d'état, and has never subsequently submitted itself to any test of popular support.

Dr Savimbi's mentors – their pictures were prominently displayed at Jamba last weekend – are Kwame



Nkrumah, Gamal Nasser and Leopold Senghor, the prophet of "Negritude", which asserts the importance of African cultural values.

He demands the withdrawal of the 35,000 Cuban troops which he claims are in Angola, and the formation of a transitional coalition government which would act as caretaker until elections were held. "We seek peace in Angola and reconciliation, as we did in 1974", Dr Savimbi declared at the welcoming ceremony for Sir John Last weekend. "But until then we shall firmly hold on to our arms and maintain our hearts open to dialogue."

Michael Hornsby

Tireless fighter for détente



The western world's longest-serving foreign minister today begins his second decade in office. But for Hans-Dietrich Genscher, West Germany's jovial statesman who now seems like a fixture on the international scene, there can be no slackening of the pace to celebrate.

The anniversary falls at a time unparalleled for the precariousness of his own political position at home, and the policies he has so resolutely pursued overseas. And when he sets off, yet again, for Moscow on Sunday to meet Mr Andrei Gromyko, whose own record 27 years in office is a point of jocular rivalry, he is under no illusion that his cherished goal of bringing together East and West is now further away than ever.

But Herr Genscher is tireless in his quest for détente, however unfashionable that policy has become. He made the last high-level western attempt to rescue the arms negotiations from failure by meeting Gromyko in Vienna last October. And he has been among the first and most vocal in pressing the Reagan Administration to resume the dialogue with the Russians after the breakdown of the Geneva disarmament talks in November.

A Saxon from what is now East Germany, Herr Genscher was for years a stalwart anti-communist. But when Herr Helmut Schmidt moved him after five years as interior minister to head Bonn's foreign ministry, he quickly proved himself a champion of Ostpolitik.

The high point came a year later with the signing of the Helsinki accords in 1975. And though Germany has been powerless to stop the breakdown of relations between the superpowers since, Genscher has worked hard to limit the damage, preserving what was possible in Europe.

His technique is the face-to-face approach. Diplomacy to him is an endless shuttle, and there is scarcely a world capital he has not visited. He makes about 60 journeys a year, and must have flown as far as the moon and back several times. His stamina is remarkable. When Chancellor Kohl made his first trip in office to America in November 1982, Genscher had to go to Moscow for Brezhnev's funeral. But no sooner was the ceremony over than he was on the plane, for the White House.

Genscher is not an intellectual heavyweight or innovator in the fields of diplomacy and strategy. His watchwords are continuity and reliability. He wants his country to be seen by friends and adversaries alike as a steady, dependable, moderating influence in world affairs. But he has certain fixed goals which he pursues through thick and thin. Of these, European unity is perhaps the most important.

Here too there have been disappointments. Genscher's hopes of adding his name to the pantheon of Community founders with the Genscher-Colombo declaration were dashed by the member states' piecemeal dismemberment of the document. The mouse that emerged hardly does credit to anyone, and the present impasse over the Community finances have subdued even Genscher

He has clung tenaciously to his job despite attempts to dislodge him by the ambitious Bavarian Prime Minister Franz Joseph Strauss. His own political base, as leader of Germany's tiny Free Democratic Party, is narrow and has often seemed in doubt – especially after he walked out of the coalition with the Social Democrats and brought his party into alliance with the Christian Democrats.

The outcry over the ill-conceived amnesty for irregular donors to political parties still threatens to engulf him, and there are many who say he should spend less time in the air and more on party leadership. But in many ways Genscher is the FDP, just as he is the voice of Bonn to the outside world. Having entered the exclusive club of perpetual foreign ministers, which also includes colleagues from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Africa and the Gulf, he shows no inclination to step down.

Michael Binyon

Ronald Butt

Activists married to their anger

Toleration is the hallmark of morality in our time, and there are few absolutes that guide the personal and social behaviour of individuals. Nothing is deemed more shocking than the appearance of being shocked.

Yet for one social sin there is no tolerance and no disposition to apply the maxim that to understand is to forgive – and that is anything that can be categorized as "racism". It is a word which means what the user wants it to mean. For practical purposes it can be made to cover anything from a vaguely preferential personal response towards people of the same race or stock, to the full apparatus of social and political segregation in South Africa which is called apartheid.

In Britain, the excesses of race-relations fanatics have too often tended to exacerbate – by the humourless application of dogma and legal sanctions – the very social problems that these enthusiasts have created, by their persistent resistance over decades to every attempt to contain the level of immigration to easily assimilated proportions.

But it is when apartheid in South Africa is discussed that calm, reason and any tolerant wish to understand are thrown aside in exchange for total rigidity. A leading article in *The Times* recently defended Mrs Thatcher's invitation to the South African prime minister to visit her when he is in Europe on a number of reasoned grounds, chief of which was the evidence there has been of movement towards peace in Southern Africa and the willingness of other African states (notably Angola and Mozambique) to talk to Mr Botha. If they can, it was argued, why should not we, particularly since there have been some improvements in the worst features of apartheid and signs of a developing South African conscience on the subject which needs encouragement?

The nature of the criticism that has followed in subsequent correspondence has been highly instructive. It has been based on the insistence that apartheid is *uniquely* wicked, and that therefore there can be no talking, arguing or bargaining with the South African government until every vestige of the present system has been overthrown, or is seen to be on the way to overthrow, by whatever means.

Thus Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, describing apartheid as "blasphemy", says that he regards the government of South Africa as "irredeemably" evil so long as it pursues the policy of apartheid, which apparently means until every vestige of the present system has gone. Mr Botha's visit "might" be tolerable (note that episcopal forgiveness is in such short supply on this subject that it is only "might") if there were talks between the South African government and the African "resistance movement", independence for Namibia, the end of the Homelands policy, the abolition of the pass laws and a single voting register for all citizens – starting with the first of these.

There is nothing here about feasibility or gradualness. It is as though Britain was required to move virtually overnight from the political and social system of 1714 to that of 1984 with the same population and no chance of evolution. Yet the Bishop is saying nothing new. Those who think like him have persistently taken the view that no relationship with South Africa is possible at all until the whole of its present political edifice has been overturned. Precisely the same attitude was adopted towards every endeavour to reach a compromise in what was then Rhodesia at an earlier stage. Such compromise could have ended the killing sooner, made a degree of evolution possible, and perhaps prevented the conditions of massacre and hunger that prevail in Zimbabwe today. But none of that mattered by comparison with the overriding demand for majority rule, whether or not the majority was yet capable of exercising it as more sophisticated electorates have gradually learnt to do.

Over Rhodesia, and now over South Africa, I have persistently encountered the position that any kind of gradualism in agreement with the powers of darkness would be intolerable, and that no amelioration of the existing system could earn any grace. If war and bloodshed are the only road to achieving the precious aim of one-man-one-vote, then – alas – so be it.

Apartheid is indisputably very wrong, but what is most remarkable is that it has provoked anger so bitter (often, it seems, among people who become attached to their rage as Queen Victoria did to her grief), that it forbids any attempt to try to understand the human frailty and fear that underlies apartheid.

There is no human society which does not feel an urge to protect its own identity and way of life. That is inevitably as true of European South Africans as it is of Britons or Israelis. How could they not feel that their identity and way of life would not be threatened if they suddenly formed a 20 per cent minority of the South African electorate?

Of course, in terms of pure democratic theory they should accept it. But we are dealing in realities, and the plain fact is that the total change wanted by the anti-apartheid fanatics could not come about without great bloodshed, including many of the Africans for whom they claim to speak.

The white South Africans are defending their interest with an evil system, and the Homelands policy is vitiated even in its own terms by unfair application. Many chances have been missed of bringing the black population towards political responsibility. But we have to start from where we are. It is better to recognize and try to build on such improvements as are peacefully in prospect than to seek theoretical democracy at the price of cataclysm, especially with the example before us of other African states which have switched suddenly to universal suffrage and then exploited it for despotism.

The anti-apartheid fanatics should look into their own hearts and ask themselves whether the reality of compassion is being eaten away by righteous rancour. Even a sinning Afrikaner deserves a little understanding. If Archbishop Huddleston and his friends are prepared to stand rigidly against any compromises in order to achieve their total solution, whatever its devastating consequences, that would be a moral arrogance which could only harm the people whose interest they have at heart.

Paul Jennings

Reality night at the Cordwainers' Hall

Most of us who know nothing whatever about the City livery companies (and that *is* most of us, isn't it?) have a vague picture of jolly old boys coming in from South Mimms or Esher, in dinner jackets, accompanied either by the solemn son or nephew whose introductory dinner this is, or by a contemporary crony or, on Ladies' Night, by a discreetly jewelled lady with very recently set hair. And we feel that none of them would have the faintest idea how to wain cord, coop, carpent, chandle tallow or wax, mong iron or fish.

Some of them may be in commodity dealings faintly connected with the name of their company, if it is something like the Leathersellers' or the Drapers'. Doubtless some in the Cordwainers' even know that the word denotes shoemakers, being derived from Cordoba, where they once made shoes from goats' leather. But surely most of them are a great deal more proficient as accountants or insurance men than as Loriners (makers of horses' bits), Armourers and Brasiers, Pewterers or Skinners.

Surely the time has come for a bit of rethinking. It is entirely to the good that the City should not *die* at night, that among all that cold empty glass and stone there should be these little secret pockets of warm convivial mirth and life, greetings on old oak landings under portraits of worthies often by the late James Gunn or his many earlier, nineteenth-century equivalents, dinners under chandeliers, port and male laughter under dark old panelling; a tradesmen's imitation of that adolescent pals-for-ever collegiate life, maintained in its most concentrated form in the Inns of Court.

There has to be some continuity, however, some correspondence, however slight, with real life. It is true that we do still have butchers, and drapers. But the Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers are doubtless aware that spectacles were invented in 1290 and the Fletchers that the bottom dropped out of the arrow market some time ago. Even the least medieval-sounding, the Fanmakers (delicious little hall just behind St Botolph's, off Bishopsgate) can't have had much reality since the days of Oscar Wilde's Lady Windermere.

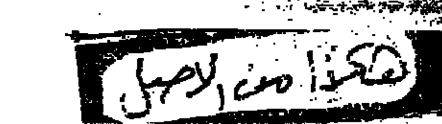
It would be perfectly possible for the same effortless ability at re-creating tradition which went into the restoration of many war-bombed City halls exactly as they were, only with the gilt more gilt, to go into creating instant traditions which would fill this gap in continuity and give a faint connexion with the industrial world from which goats' leather shoes disappeared ages ago.

A splendid way to start would be with the Vapourers' and Shovellers' Company. The railway has been with us long enough now to be traditional in its own right – the steam side of it at least; indeed it is possible that by the time the Master Ticket Collector was proposing the toast at their fiftieth anniversary dinner in a hall looking as though it could have been built at any period since 1600, juggernaut motorways could have made the railway as obsolete as the trade of fletching is now.

"Vapourers' Hall" sounds totally convincing. So does the Worshipful Company of Acassers. As a matter of fact, industrial "relations" in Britain being what they are, the work of Acas will have increased and this would be one of the companies, like the Butchers', that still had a connexion with something that was actually going on. The word "Acasser" also suggests some forgotten medieval activity – the Clerk of the Exchequer acass(h)ing the King's taxes, perhaps.

When you come to think of it, some of the existing companies sound pretty marginal even for medieval times, when there must have been at least as many Hatters, Thatchers, Stonemasons (say) as Fishmongers. Perhaps that is why Microchip Hall or the Systems Analysts' Company could never sound right, at least to present-day ears.

The Worshipfil Company of Tram and Trolleybuswrights, Waffle Makers' Hall, the Crystal Setmakers' Company, Crooners' Hall and many others, however, could fit in more and more snugly with those Pewterers and Fletchers and Coopers, while remaining equally remote from whatever it is the old boys from South Mimms and Esher actually do, or did, for a living.



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THE TOURNIQUET

The Iran-Iraq war has long been known to the Western media as "the *Gulf war*", but until lately that has been something of a misnomer. The main hostilities were on land rather than in the Gulf, and the six Arab states which make up the Gulf's south-western coastline – Kuwait, *Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar*, The United Arab Emirates and Oman – were not directly involved. Iraq has only a very short coastline at the head of the Gulf and this was easily blockaded by the Iranian navy from the very beginning of the war.

That blockade, supplemented since 1982 by a Syrian blockade of Iraq's pipeline outlet to the Mediterranean, has put Iraq at a severe disadvantage in the war, reducing its oil exports to a relative trickle through Turkey. Without generous financial support from some of its Arab neighbours – mainly Kuwait and Saudi Arabia – Iraq could never have kept fighting until now. But, in its growing anxiety to bring the war to an end, Iraq has naturally set itself the task of reciprocating the Iranian blockade, or at least interfering as much as possible with Iran's oil exports.

That objective was widely publicised last summer when it bacame known that France was lending Iraq Super-Etendard aircraft, which, it was thought, would make it easier for Iraq to attack the main Iranian terminal at Kharg Island, or tankers in its immediate vicinity, with Exocet missiles. Iran responded by warning that, if it were prevented from exporting its own oil *through the Gulf, it would see to* it that no oil got out of the Gulf from any source. That clearly was a direct threat to Western as well as Arab interests, since Western Europe and Japan are both still heavily dependent on oil imports from the Gulf, and it prompted President Reagan to say that the United States would take whatever action was necessary to keep the oil supply lines *open*.

But until the last few weeks all of that remained in the realm of threat and hypothesis rather than fact. It is only very lately that *Iraq has begun to make repeated* and apparently systematic attacks on neutral oil tankers using the Kharg Island terminal. And it is only this week that Iran has *begun to retaliate against tankers* serving the ports of supposedly neutral Arab states. Two Kuwaiti vessels were attacked on Sunday and Monday, and yester*day for the first time a Saudi* tanker was attacked "by an unidentified aircraft" close to the main Saudi oil port of Ras Tanurah.

Although Iran has not yet explicitly acknowledged re*sponsibility for these attacks*, there is no real doubt that that is where they come from. Iraq has no interest in alienating its Arab supporters; American intelligence reported Iranian, but not Iraqi, aircraft close to the Kuwaiti ships at the time of the attacks; and Iran's Supreme Defence Council warned on Tuesday that "if the Gulf was not safe for all, it would be safe for none" – a statement which Iran is hardly entitled to make, given that it is Iran which has consistently made the Gulf unsafe for Iraqi trade and has *rejected all proposals* for a ceasefire which included lifting the blockade.

Iraq, in effect, has called Iran's bluff and Iran is now proving that it was not bluffing. It has not yet been done in quite the dramatic way that some scenarios envisaged. Kharg has not been "knocked out"; nor has Ras Tanurah; and the Strait of Hormuz has not been blocked. *But if things continue as they are* going, oil supplies from the Gulf are going to be seriously affected, and, at very least, prohibitive insurance rates are going to *affect world prices*. The West which (if Japan is included) is the main customer and therefore in a sense the main financier of both sides in the war, can no *longer pretend that it does not* affect Western interests. Some kind of Western intervention may very soon become unavoidable. It may be that the only way the West can now secure freedom of navigation for neutrals in the Gulf is to provide naval escorts – with all the risk of escalating conflict that that implies.

NEUTRALITY IS AS NEUTRALITY DOES

Few federations are as catholic as the Council of Civil Service Unions. Its seven constituent associations range from the hard left dominated Society of Civil and Public Servants to the hard right Prison Officers Association, from the First Division Association, which includes permanent secretaries among its 8,000 members, and the 200,000-strong Civil and Public Services Association which represents the *production lines in Whitehall's* clerical factories. Political fluctuations within associations can be as swift as they are baffling. Yesterday, for example, Mr Alistair Graham, moderate general secretary of the CPSA and arch proponent of the "new realism" within the TUC, survived a fierce attack on his leadership by the Militant Tendency thanks to an alliance of old left, moderate left and centre right. Today's CPSA election results are too close to call in advance. But Mr Graham could find himself saddled with a left *wing executive* as well as a left wing conference. In fact, the only phenomenon to unify the Civil Service unions – at least theoretically – is a mention of the Prime Minister's name, particularly after the removal of unions from the Government Communications Headquarters.

The First Division Association, who meet in annual conference today, have found themselves in a particularly delicate position in trade union terms since the Conservative restoration in 1979. In 1977 the FDA, after much debate and heartsearching, affiliated to the TUC. Ever punctilious, the top civil servants' union consulted Mr Prior, then Opposition spokesman on employment, and asked if such a move would jeopardize their prized political neutrality in the eyes of a future Tory administration. Mr Prior said it was a matter for them.

What swung the FDA into the TUC was a belief that the corporate state was here to stay (though no FDA man worth his draftsmanship would put it so crudely or clearly), that TUC-Government discussions were the supreme forum in which big *issues like pay were determined*. It was felt, therefore, that the FDA, the only Civil Service union to remain outside the TUC, should add its brainpower and tactical skills to the growing white-collar element inside the labour movement.

Their tactics and timing proved unfortunate. Mrs Thatcher's arrival in Downing Street two years later changed *the rules* by which the game is played. Mr Prior's assurance began to look thin. Three times in the past five years, the FDA has acted like an orthodox *member of the TUC in advising* its members to take industrial action (it never instructs). After another agonized debate, and an assurance from Mr Murray that the TUC was not in the business of toppling democratically elected governments, the FDA decided in 1982 that Conservative employment legislation was a trade union issue and not a political one, and joined the *TUC's campaign against it*. No Civil Service union has codified "political" and "trade union" issues. They decide ad hoc on which matters it is proper to *abstain in order to convince* themselves that they have preserved some notional neutrality as public servants. No civil servant could muddy these waters more *skilfully than Mr* Alastair Mackinley, a senior figure in the FDA, who puts it thus: "One man's wider issue could be another man's narrow self-interest *and a third's political stance*".

The effectiveness of the FDA as a force for reason within the TUC may be greater than its numbers suggest. With the Post *Office Engineering Union*, for instance, the FDA was instrumental in ending the corrupt TUC practice whereby the composition of its council was fixed by the big battalions. Now all unions with a membership in excess of 100,000 have an automatic seat and the smaller unions fill a further 11 seats by ballot. The FDA has also ensured that the TUC's public *services committee recognizes* the complexities of such issues as freedom of information. But these little touches of the tiller hardly justify professional politi*cal neutrals staying on a ship* whose crew is so overtly partisan, and whose course is set to engage this particular ministerial enemy.

Ironically one of the professional issues that has come to *preoccupy the FDA is threats to* the political neutrality of career civil servants. Continued membership of the TUC is certainly one of those. Since the FDA's members serve ministers more directly than any other unionized civil servants, it should reverse its decision of 1977 and pull out of the TUC. The membership might feel bereft; and the TUC would lose a small but distinct voice for reason. But the preservation of an impeccable career public service is an overriding value. A withdrawal of the FDA would also have *implications for senior officials* in the Institution of Professional Civil Servants and the SCPS. Strictly speaking, any civil servant of assistant secretary rank *and above is sufficiently important* either as an adviser or a manager to warrant non-TUC status. Below that level, the problem is not so acute. Two tier *membership within a* TUC affiliated union would be messy in organizational terms, but civil servants are good at managing organizational messes.

SPOT THE RADICAL

Mr Norman Fowler has now whipped away the silk handkerchief and pulled four special committees of inquiry out of his departmental hat. These white rabbits will now nibble away at different but overlapping areas of social security, digesting information on behalf of a *central co-ordinating unit* with the Department of Health and Social Security. It may seem churlish to greet such a welcome and enterprising approach to policy with some scepticism, but an early warning is needed. It is not yet clear whether this will amount to more than a political conjuring trick, whether it can develop into a genuine attempt to re-examine the fundamentals of one third of total public expenditure.

Britain's social security system is crying out for funda*mental reassessment. Its cost has* grown by more than a quarter, in real terms, over the past five years – and not only because of the rise in unemployment. It will continue to rise, not so much because of demographic pressures (*though these* will mount again after the turn of the century) but because of the rising expectations built into the new pensions system, the demand for better income provision for the disabled and the costly need to fill *in the* "poverty trap" in which low-earning families find themselves.

Mr Fowler's piecemeal approach is not to be condemned; we have seen too many stately royal commissions run into the sand to criticize his pragmatic policy of launching several satellite committees and using his own civil servants to co-ordinate their work. It does, *however*, have some dangers.

The most obvious is that it will fail to provide an overall picture of the spending pressures *inherent* in today's system, together with the demands for its improvement. The Government's green paper on long-term public spending gave only the slightest hint of these. If that was painted with too broad a brush, all the little social security inquiries offer us is a series of miniatures. Yet without some conception of the scale of future spending, it is impossible to form *rational* views on the need for change.

The second *is that conclusions* may be influenced by the order in which these committees complete their work. For example, the precursor of them all, Mr Fowler's pensions inquiry, is already nearing completion: *but decisions* taken on pensions radically affect other benefits and their financing. Thirdly, there are some major benefits – such as unemployment pay – that seem to have fallen between several stools.

The central report which it will produce must be judged by the vigour with *which it tackles* three fundamental issues. The first is the overlap between taxes and means-tested benefits; the second is the mismatch between *the present systems of income* tax and working people's national insurance contributions. The third is the most crucial of all. The present system of cash benefits is an anomalous mixture of benefits based on a dubious insurance principle. A Government which for five years has simply wrung its hands over the rising cost of social security must now decide where its *priorities lie*. Should not a modern social security system concentrate on providing a decent minimum income to its citizens, according to age and condition and cease to confuse its role with that of a private *insurance company*?

The most obvious common *feature of these questions* is that they involve the raising of revenue as well as the paying out of cash benefits. It is no good Mr Fowler and his teams reaching conclusions on, say, tax thresholds or national insurance if Mr Lawson does not agree, since there are no prizes for guessing who would win in cabinet. Yet the Treasury's role in this initiative is none too clear. It *must be a full partner in this* review.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Linking education and industry

From Mr David A. Smith

Sir, Whilst the recognition of the primacy of education in future wealth-creation by Sir Kenneth *Corfield (May 11)* is timely, *it is* rather doubtful whether even a new commission, however radical its recommendations, will be sufficient to effect any change in our society.

There are echoes in Sir Kenneth's letter of parallel appeals for a recognition of the importance of the engineering profession that are made from time to time. Only a particularly interested observer will have noted any effects of the internal reorganisation of the professional institutions which followed the Finniston report.

If hopes for a real improvement in these intractable positions are to be answered there must be progress seen from two viewpoints: that of *the total education system* and also that of the prospective skilled employee.

The paramount ethic in the educational system is that of status, sometimes confused by reference to academic excellence, which in any case may be unrelated to industry's requirements. The successive attempts to change the structure of higher education by setting up colleges of advanced technology and polytechnics have in reality fortified these differences in status despite the *success of these institutions in* educational terms.

Any attempt to make the vo*cational purpose of education* paramount is soon subverted by the different values existing within an entirely self-sufficient system. Because the current concern of government is to limit total expenditure, it does not possess the will to level up any differences in status by *financial means* and so prefers not to acknowledge them.

Meanwhile industry has still *maintained its own system of* rewards, which has never been weighed in favour of the engineering skills now so clearly required. Only professional engineers in some public services and certain new specializations can be compared in status with financial managers. *A limited number of young people* have the necessary abilities to succeed in highly technical education or training and the prospects must be made clear to them.

If the purely vocational aspect of education was separated from its wider cultural function it could then develop the necessary links with industry and training without threatening the values of academic freedom and an informed and critical society. The two functions would be seen as equally necessary and prestigious, so that individuals could choose or move between them.

Therefore, the elements of new educational institutions do exist already, so what is *required* for change is a reorganization of these resources on a basis of full equality. *If it is objected* that public expenditure cannot meet such requirements, then additional funds must be justified by the value of industrial links on the one hand and a much wider social involvement on the other.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID A. SMITH,
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Bristol,
Avon.
May 13.

Irish unity

From Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Gerald C. Griffith is right to say (May 10) that "Britain's fault in Northern Ireland was to allow Stormont to get away with" injustice *to the minority*. Catholics in 1800 wanted Pitt's "integration" in order to escape civil disability and the *Protestant Parliament in Dublin* which the Orangemen defended against the Unionists of the day. Catholics would have been, and would be, better off without Stormont.

The "integrationist" Carson said: "We have never asked to govern any Catholic. We are perfectly satisfied that ... Protestant and Catholic should be governed from this *(Westminster) Parliament*, and we have always said that it was the fact that this Parliament was entirely *aloof from these racial and religious* distinctions, which was the strongest foundation for the government of Ulster." (House of Commons, May 18, 1920).

Why then seek to distance Northern Ireland from Great Britain through legislative devolution – to the encouragement of republicanism, whether constitutional or terrorist?

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
House of Commons.
May 11.

Sixth-form studies

From Dr E. Rudd

Sir, Professor Gareth Williams's letter (May 8) implies that the slight fall in home applicants to univer*sities this year reflects a fall in* the demand for university places. This may be true, but, as it does not explain the fall in applications, it is not very helpful.

It seems to me that the fall in applications is a reasonable response to the increasing difficulty of gaining *a place, which is, itself, the result of* reduced Government funding under the excuse that demand will fall. So the prediction that demand will fall becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Yours faithfully,
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Colchester,
Essex.
May 8.

Concern to keep up Service morale

From Marshal of the RAF Lord Cameron of Balhousie

Sir, I have followed with interest your articles on Mr Heseltine's proposed defence reorganization and the correspondence generated therefrom. I welcome the Heseltine proposals to cut out ruthlessly the lower level overlap of work both in *the military* and the Civil Service. Particularly I applaud a close examination of the activities of the Procurement Executive.

I do not, however, agree with some of the proposals as regards the higher organization of the Ministry of Defence as they affect the Service *departments, but more particularly* the Services themselves.

A point which has not been touched on sufficiently so far in the correspondence on this subject is the effect the denigration (and I use that word advisedly) of the chiefs of staff will have on single-Service morale.

There was a time when the serviceman took little or no interest in what went on at the top level. Those days are over. The Services are smaller. They are also now better educated. They will see the responsibility for their policy direction being taken from their chief and put in the hands of a "faceless" group in the centre of defence, possibly with quite a percentage of those concerned being civil servants with little or no grassroots experience.

Power without responsibility. They won't like this. Their Service chief is still to be the custodian of their morale, but will play little or no part in their policy direction. Who carries the can on morale when policy goes wrong and people get killed – the central staffs? A weak Chief of Defence Staff and a strong Secretary of State could be a lethal combination.

It is suggested in the Heseltine *proposals that there will be a strong* tri-Service central staff, doing away with the separate vice-chiefs and the single-Service policy staffs. This tears the heart out of Service departments. It also presumes that an officer who may have spent some twenty years in his own Service can change his spots overnight. It doesn't happen like that.

All my experience tells me he will *be looking over his shoulder to the* day when he returns to his own Service. If he has let them down, his career may suffer – there is precedent. One proposal of the past that there should be a single list for officers above one-star level in order to avoid this type of victimization *has never really* been accepted.

I am surprised to see so little mention made of the Defence Council and its future, in the discussion document. Constitutionally it is the board of directors of the whole defence system. But it hardly ever meets and usually, when it does, the agenda is of a limited *nature. Its future activity should not* be missing from discussions on reorganisation.

I would welcome a combination of the Civil Service policy machine and the military policy staff. It has been suggested many times before. The Civil Service were against it on *the grounds* that they were responsible for giving political advice to ministers – advice which might not please the military. If it comes off, who would head such an organisation – a civilian with no Service experience or a military man? I can foresee difficulties here.

There have been *significant* changes in the Ministry of Defence over the past decade as a result of many studies and a series of moves made from the Service departments to the centre. My advice is that a secretary of state can make the present system work – after all, he has the overriding position.

We hear much about the "lowest common denominator" solutions coming out of the Ministry of Defence as a result of internecine warfare amongst the chiefs of staff. *What I believe is that the chiefs*, as they stand at the moment with their own limited policy staffs, can make sure that no arguments or aspects of a defence problem remain unexamined. This is a vital role.

The Chief of Defence Staff has the right to tender his own advice, but it goes much beyond that. His office is a few yards from that of the Secretary of State, and he has ample opportunities to *make his presence* felt.

It really is not just a question of *putting official chiefs of staff and his* own views – there is and must be a constant dialogue between the Secretary of State and the Chief of Defence Staff and I am sure this happens under the present organisation.

But it is Service morale I am *really concerned* about: *it* is important and any reorganisation must take this fully into account. I fear the new scheme, if it comes to fruition, is going to lead to a high state of suspicion between departments and the centre and quite likely a spirit of non-cooperation. This soon gets down to the grassroots. The last state could be worse than the first.

Also, I cannot as yet detect any great savings of posts at the higher level, which is presumably what part of the exercise is all about.

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May 15.

Dangers of asbestos

From Mr David Gee

Sir, Your report "Asbestos cash fight suffers setback" (April 21) contains an obvious but highly misleading misprint and a dangerous anachronism, and as the issue relates to the whole construction industry I'm *moved to help set the record* straight.

The only known cause of the cancer, Mesothelioma, is asbestos, so your claim that it is "unrelated to asbestos" was probably meant to read "related". The type of asbestos used in constructing the Red Road flats in Glasgow and many others during the fifties and sixties was brown asbestos fire insulation board.

Since August last year both brown and blue asbestos have been regarded as equally dangerous by the Health and Safety Executive and from August this year they have been given the same control limit of 200,000 fibres per cubic metre. The belief that blue asbestos is the most dangerous form of asbestos will take many years to disappear but I'm grateful for this opportunity to speed it on its way.

Finally, Dr Alistair Dorward is unfortunately right to say that more research is needed before a direct link between the flats project and the workmen's death can be *proved*. Although it is obvious to lay people that creating large clouds of asbestos *dust in confined* spaces on construction sites will cause exactly the same range of asbestos diseases as similar clouds in shipyards, power stations and asbestos factories, the reality for construction workers with asbestos diseases is that the absence of epidemiological studies in their *industry means that winning justice* and compensation will be possible, but very difficult.

The real tragedy is that thousands of construction workers were exposed to asbestos dust in dangerously high concentrations, despite both the knowledge of asbestos *disease and protective* safety laws being available since 1931.

The case for an epidemiological study of asbestos disease in the construction industry is overwhelming.

Yours sincerely
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May 1.

Inside No 10

From Sir Alfred Sherman

Sir, While appreciating the intellectual right of your leading article ("Inside Number Ten" May 2) on *my* LSE lecture, I fear that *Times* readers might gain a misleading impression of what I actually had to say.

In the first place my lecture was not prescriptive, but descriptive and analytical, tracing a process which has been *in statu nascendi* during several decades. I did not say that I personally "would sooner face political death than become a courtier". I was discussing an inherent hazard which "has faced the adviser throughout the ages with a tragic choice." My own situation is not typical of the genre. Patently, I am neither courtier nor politically dead.

The main thrust of my lecture was that, ever since the turn of the century in this country, continuous growth in the scope of the state has led to *more than commensurate* growth in the decision-making burdens falling on the head of government, which, both because they are inter-related and because they frequently intrude into summitry, cannot be delegated.

This paradox – a growing burden of decision-making which at one and the same time effectually diminishes the scope for delegation – calls for advanced policy search and monitoring which in turn generate the need *for policy-assistance* which must be an extension of the head of government's combined political and intellectual will.

I did not so much "denounce the Civil Service and call for innovation, creativity, fantasy or isolation" as take the nature of the Civil Service, nationalised industry bureaucracy and "establishment" in general for granted. I argued that insofar as one has a career Civil Service (or indeed an hierarchical structure of any kind) certain attitudes will tend to predominate in the upper echelons.

Because the Civil Service and establishment structures have been perceived by decision-makers as difficult or impossible to change radically within time-scales relevant to political action, successive heads of government have sought to complement them by bringing in loyal outsiders whose different *provenance and life-styles are* reflected in different approaches.

Yours respectfully,
ALFRED SHERMAN,
10 Gerald Road, SW1.
May 8.

Mr Botha's visit

From Mr P. J. Barlow

Sir, I have nothing against Mr Botha's visit to this country. I hope both he and Mrs Thatcher will learn something from it.

You are, however, quite wrong in suggesting (leading article, May 8) that "how far a system designed to penalize a man for the colour of his skin is worse than one designed to punish him for his opinions and beliefs could evoke philosophical discussion without end".

The colour of my skin is *genetically determined. I cannot* help or change it. My opinions and beliefs, on the other hand, I choose for myself. If the worst comes to the worst, I can always keep them to myself.

It is this crucial distinction that makes the South African political system uniquely *repugnant. I am* sure our Prime Minister will make this clear to theirs. So should you.

Yours etc,
P. J. BARLOW,
Annandale
Minard,
Inveraray
Argyll.
May 8.

Putting opera in its place

From Mr Mark Aldridge

Sir, Your recent report (May 8) of the eccentric and controversial production of *Rigoletto* at the Maggio Musicale festival touches a raw nerve. Even in this distant outpost of culture we have recently been given by Scottish Opera both *L'Elisir d'Amore* and *Tosca* set in the regime of Mussolini. In *Turandot the anonymous hero is Puccini* himself and the slave girl, Liu, turns out to be his housemaid.

Opera 80 offered a Japanese *Così fan Tutte* and a 1920s *Traviata*, with Violetta and her friends doing a Charlston in act one. The RSC set their *Comedy of Errors* in a circus and enlivened *Henry VIII* with a ragtime band. The Manchester Royal Exchange company present Hamlet (the glass of fashion and the mould of form!) in jeans.

Many of these productions had something to commend them, but could the artistic directors of opera and theatre companies be asked not to allow originality to become a cliché?

Yours faithfully,
MARK ALDRIDGE,
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Northumberland.
May 12.

'Law of the heavy mob'

From the Reverend John T. Watson

Sir, *How right your are* (leading article, May 12)! There can never be such a thing as peaceful picketing. Any approach, even by one individual to another individual, if the object of the "conversation" is to object to something which the person addressed is doing, *can be* intimidatory – witness how the adrenalin begins to flow when a motorist is flagged down by a *policeman!*

To say, as some do, that pickets only want to talk to the so-called strike-breaker is nonsense; it is well known why the strike has been called.

The Government should stop this invasion of the citizen's rights now, while it is in power. This is what some of us voted them in to do.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN T. WATSON,
16 Beverington Road,
Eastbourne, Sussex.

From Mr R. A. Leeson

Sir, Jimmy Reid (feature, May 14) has a short memory. Twelve or thirteen years ago, when the UCS (Upper Clyde Shipbuilders) workers were taking "illegal" action, occupying their workplaces to save their jobs, they asked for and got the support of millions of people throughout the trade union and labour movement.

No one, as far as I remember, certainly not Arthur Scargill, gave them pompous lectures on how to conduct themselves in order to deserve that help.

Yours faithfully,
R. A. LEESON,
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Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.
May 14.

Curb on aliens

From Professor Graham Zellick

Sir, While the proposal to subject foreigners in this country to different rules in relation to public demonstrations is neither attractive nor practical, it is interesting to note that our law already distinguishes between aliens and others in respect of certain comparable activities.

Under section 3 of the Aliens Restriction (Amendment) Act, 1919, it is an offence punishable by 10 years' imprisonment for an alien to attempt or do any act calculated or likely to cause sedition or disaffection amongst the civilian population; and by three months' imprisonment if he promotes or attempts to promote industrial unrest in any industry in which he *has not been bona fide engaged in* the United Kingdom for the previous two years.

I assume prosecutions for these offences are unknown.

Yours faithfully,
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May 10.

College's third option

From Mrs Gillian Shephard

Sir, I refer to the article on the future of Wymondham College (May 11). I am at a complete loss to understand how your reporter, Mr Colin *Hughes, could have failed to include* in his article the third option for the future of this school, which I discussed with him at greater length and in greater detail than the two options he chooses to include.

The third option, of course, is to continue to run the college, possibly *in a modified* and certainly in a more cost-effective way.

May I emphasise that the three options for the future of the college are still being actively considered by Norfolk Education Committee.

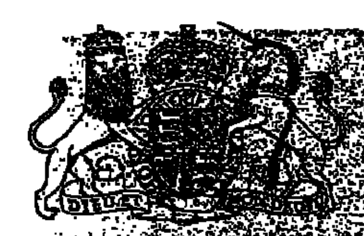
Yours faithfully,
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Norfolk County Council,
County Hall,
Martineau Lane, Norwich.

Good taste

From Mr John Putnam

Sir, I have taken off a full super of honey before the end of April and before the apple blossom is fully out. This is a record for me in twenty-five years of bee-keeping, but I'm *sure I'm not alone in this wonder*fully warm dry spring.

Yours truly,
JOHN PUTNAM,
Wood Farm,
Blackawton,
Totnes, Devon.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 16: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Cambridge Station in the Royal Train this morning to visit Cambridge [illegible]

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Rococo Exhibition

The Duke of Norfolk and the Ambassadors of Belgium, Italy and Spain were present at a private view and dinner held on Tuesday night at the Victoria & Albert Museum to mark the opening of the Rococo [illegible]

Service dinner

Royal Naval Supply and Transport Service

Mr K J Pritchard, Director-General of Supplies and Transport (Naval), presided at the annual dinner held last night at Bath University. Rear-Admiral M A Vallis was the guest of honour.

Heathfield School, Ascot

Heathfield School Fellowship will meet on Saturday, June 2, 1984. Old girls, past members of staff and their families are invited to luncheon at 12.45 and to evensong at 3pm, when the address will be given by the Rev Dr Chad Varah, founder of the Samaritans. Luncheon tickets (£6) may be obtained from Mrs Peter Reeve, Leadenham House, Leadenham, Lincolnshire. Applications should arrive by May 28: please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Latest wills

Captain Sir Cecil Charles Boyd-Rochfort, of Ballyheelan, co Cavan, Republic of Ireland, racehorse trainer, left estate in England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland valued at £693,802.

Dr Donald Thomas Alfred Townend, of Leatherhead, Surrey, Director-General of the British Coal Utilization Research Association 1946-62, left estate valued at £170,098 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Adams, Mrs Hilda, of Wimbledon, London £345,985

Heywood, Mr Clifford Pearson, of Okehampton, Devon £294,512

Birthdays today

[illegible]

Forthcoming marriages

[illegible]

University news

[illegible]



Commissioner Francy Cachelin has been appointed British commissioner of the evangelical and community forces of the Salvation Army.

[illegible] division of British Telecom.

The trustees of the Nuffield Foundation have made an award of £33,090 to the Society for the Study of medical ethics for a study of the teaching of medical ethics.

[illegible] Royal Society of Chemistry.

The medal is awarded annually in an international competition to find the most outstanding contribution to the field of physical chemistry by a young member of the society.

OBITUARY

LORD ROBBINS

Contribution to economics and higher education



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LORD GLENKINGLAS

[illegible] made in housing, new town development, hospital building and education though credit for this must not entirely bypass his predecessor, Mr John Maclay.

Michael Antony Cristobal Noble was born on March 19, 1913, the third son of Sir John Noble, 1st Bt of Ardkinglas. He was educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, and served in the RAF volunteer reserve from 1941 to 1945.

He concentrated on farming immediately after the war when [illegible]

He served as PPS to the Scottish Secretary in 1959, and gained rapid promotion in the Whips' Office, where he served as Scottish Whip and later as Lord Commissioner of the Treasury until he was promoted to the front bench as Scottish Secretary, after only four years in the Commons.

When the Conservatives were in opposition he was front bench spokesman on Scottish Affairs and he came back into office in the Edward Heath [illegible] he was [illegible] the DTI [illegible] in the [illegible] which argued [illegible] Aviation [illegible] opportunities [illegible] sector in air transport. It led to the amalgamation of British United Airways and Caledonian Airways to form the present British Caledonian Airways.

Noble was made a Life Peer in 1974 after retiring from the Commons. He took up a number of appointments in industry and was a director of John Brown Engineering Ltd.

He married in 1940, Anne daughter of Sir Neville Pearson, 2nd Bt, and there were four daughters of the marriage.

Science report

Seeking a strategy to safeguard research

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

How much and what type of pure academic research is essential to ensure that the science-based sectors of the national economy are properly underpinned?

The question has been exercising the mind of the science board of the Science and Engineering Research Council for the past year because its members are responsible for allocating the funds for such work.

The subjects cover a broad range from biology (but not those applied research aspects of biology supported by the medical, agricultural and food, and natural environment councils) through mathematics, chemistry, and physics (but not astronomy or space research and nuclear physics).

The spread of research covers an academic community of about 12,000 tenured staff, other research workers, post-doctoral fellows and council students, and they represent the disciplines in which the nation's outstanding reputation in the natural sciences has been built.

Because of the squeeze on cash for research the council, over the past four years has refused a growing number of applications or support for excellent ideas, to the extent that about a third of the highest quality research grants have had to be rejected.

But trying to choose between projects of equal scientific merit is not the only difficulty. Important new multi-disciplinary areas of science are not always being lent the necessary impetus because they do not fit neatly into the established lanes of research.

Some of these new activities are outlined in a report, *A Strategy of Support for Science*, which Professor John Cadogan, chairman of the science board, is circulating to universities and polytechnics for comment.

The type of work encompassing a more than usual degree of scientific expertise are programmes of research on things such as low dimensional structures, protein engineering, and chemical sensors. Those concerned with the handicap facing scientists engaged on work that crosses traditional scientific boundaries will find comfort from the *New Scientist* magazine.

That publication has taken a small case study to highlight the plight of the interdisciplinary project which involves, say, a good mix of physics and medicine, with more than a hint of interest to geologists.

The case which was considered is the tale of Oxford University's proton microprobe. It was a novel area of research, part medicine and part nuclear physics, which was cut short.

A team in the nuclear physics department developed an unusual machine called the scanning proton microprobe, which can map trace elements in anything from samples of air to diseased liver tissue. But despite enormous interest in the scheme, there seems to be no means of providing money to ensure the venture continues.

The difficulty lies in the fact the work is interdisciplinary: neither wholly medicine nor physics. In a time of spending cuts, each discipline feels that the other should pay for the research.

This intriguing machine uses a tightly focused beam of energetic protons to induce a specimen to emit X-rays, and the pattern of X-rays reveals the distribution of elements within the sample. Visitors from as far afield as China have gone to Oxford to learn about the microprobe.

DR IAN WALKER

A colleague writes:

The death in Paris on April 30 of Dr Ian Walker, while on his return journey from a conference at Font-Romeu, tragically cut short at the age of 48 a life full of personal happiness, and an academic career that seemed certain to enhance his already established reputation as a biochemist.

Educated at Harrow County Grammar School and Birmingham University he migrated to Oxford with his then supervisor, Dr Arthur Peacocke. After completing his PhD (Birmingham) and some post-doctoral research, he was appointed to a University Lecturership in Biochemistry in 1964, and to a Fellowship at Keble College in 1967.

His research interests, originally focused on the physical chemistry of DNA, gradually moved towards the study of nucleic acid-protein interactions in chromatin, and the regulation of gene expression in higher organisms, especially the slime mould, *P. polycephalum*.

As the head of a successful research group he was responsible for a steady output of publications and assisted in the editing of several scientific journals.

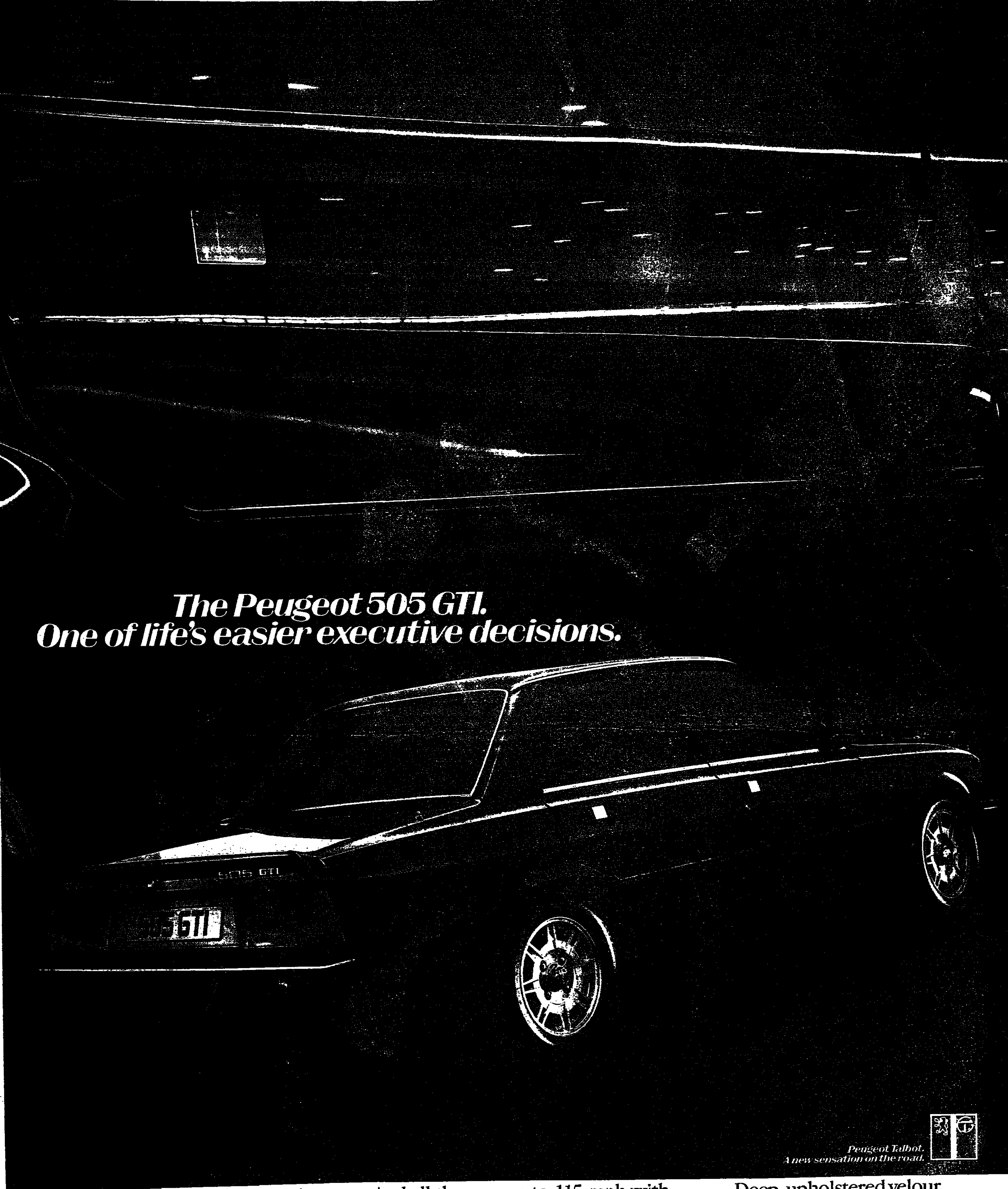
He married in 1962 Janet Hughes; and he is survived by her and their four children.

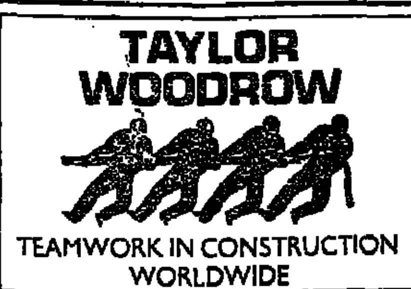
DR D. PETTOELLO

Dr Decio Pettoello died in Cambridge on April 19 at the age of 97. He came to Britain from Italy in 1922 to teach in the University of Cambridge, where he held a Lectureship in Italian from 1933 until his retirement in 1951.

His liberal views in politics naturally led to fierce opposition to Fascism, and the open house he and his wife Antonietta kept in Harvey Road became a meeting place for the most prominent Italian political exiles in this country.

He wrote *An Outline of Italian Civilization* (1932), and after his retirement translated several English classical works into Italian, a verse translation of *Paradise Lost* being the most remarkable.


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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 14. Dealings End, June 1. § Contango Day, June 4. Settlement Day, June 11

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

1983/84 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Yield	Gross Red. Yield
99	93	Exch	3%	1984	99	+1/32	3.017	9.377
102	100	Treas	12%	1984	101	+1/8	11.897	9.185
107	103	Treas	15%	1985	103	+1/16	14.484	9.950
107	101	Exch Cv	12%	1985	101	+1/8	11.838	10.212
95	88	Treas	3%	1985	94		3.171	8.662
103	98	Treas	11%	1985	101	+1/8	11.379	10.485
102	95	Treas C	8%	1985	97	+1/16	8.981	10.601
104	100	Exch	12%	1985	102	+1/16	11.986	10.663
103	99	Exch	11%	1986	101	+1/8	11.562	10.680
102	98	Treas C	10%	1986	98	+1/8	10.127	10.731
90	85	Treas	3%	1985	89		3.366	9.059
102	97	Exch C	10%	1986	98	+1/16	10.572	10.989
104	100	Treas	12%	1986	101	+1/8	11.794	11.044
99	94	Treas	8%	1984-86	95		9.865	10.697
87	84	Exch	2%	1986	85		2.911	8.893
109	105	Exch	14%	1986	105	+1/16	13.215	11.147
107	103	Exch	13%	1987	104	+1/16	12.687	11.256
100	95	Treas C	10%	1987	97	+1/8	10.513	11.314
86	80	Exch	2%	1987	83		2.981	9.218
101	95	Exch	10%	1987	97	+1/16	10.735	11.399
93	88	Fund	6%	1985-87	89		7.263	10.739
99	96	Treas	10%	1987	96	+1/16	10.348	11.341
85	80	Treas	3%	1987	82		3.647	9.657
103	99	Treas	12%	1987	101	+1/16	11.901	11.378
95	89	Treas	7%	1985-88	90		9.563	10.933
101	95	Exch	10%	1988	97	+1/16	10.776	11.307
105	95	Treas IL	2%	1988	103	-1/8		4.575
98	94	Treas C	9%	1988	94	+1/16	10.290	11.397
82	75	Trans	3%	1978-88	77	+1/16	3.856	9.645
99	91	Treas	9%	1988	93	+1/8	10.167	11.413

MONEY MARKETS

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9-9¼%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: High 9 Low 5

Week Fixed: 7¾-7

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	8 13/16	2 months	8 11/16
3 months	8 13/16	3 months	8⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	8¾-8⅝	1 month	9¼
2 months	8 15/16-8 13/16	2 months	9 5/16
3 months	8 15/16-8⅞	3 months	9 5/16
6 months	9 5/16-9 3/16	6 months	9 13/16

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	9¾-9 5/16	7 months	9⅞-9½
2 months	9½-9⅛	8 months	9⅞-9½
3 months	9¾-9½	9 months	10¼-10⅛
4 months	9⅞-9½	10 months	10½-10¼
5 months	9⅞-9½	11 months	10½-10¼
6 months	9⅞-9½	12 months	10½-10¼

Secondary Mkt ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅛-8 15/16	6 months	9¾-9⅝
3 months	9 5/16-9 3/16	12 months	9 13/16-9¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	7⅞	3 months	9⅛
7 days	8	6 months	9½
1 month	8⅞	1 year	10

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight	Open 7		Close 20
1 week	8½-8¼	6 months	9 11/16-9⅝
1 month	8 11/16-8 11/16	9 months	9 15/16-9 13/16
3 months	9⅛-9¼	12 months	10 3/16-10 1/16

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rates %)
3 months 9⅞ 6 months 9 11/16

Finance House Base Rate 9%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	May 16 (day's range)	May 16 (close)	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.3895-1.3985	$1.3940-1.3950	0.30-0.33c disc	0.91-0.95c disc
Montreal	$1.7950-1.8060	$1.8040-1.8050	0.30-0.37c disc	1.08-1.14c disc
Amsterdam	4.2700-4.3125fl	4.2975-4.3075fl	1½-¾c prem	3¾-3c prem
Brussels	77.29-77.95f	77.65-77.75f	1-½c prem	3½-2¾c prem
Copenhagen	13.8850-13.9975k	13.9825-13.9925k	1¾-2¼ore disc	5¼-6¼ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7975-3.8400m	3.8225-3.8325m	1-⅞pf prem	3½-2¾pf prem
Lisbon	193.75-195.25e	194.25-194.75e	110-260esc disc	400-900esc disc
Madrid	212.50-214.20p	213.50-213.70p	135-160pst disc	405-430pst disc
Milan	2341.75-2362.00lr	2357.25-2359.25lr	12-15lr disc	39-42lr disc
Oslo	10.8275-10.8975k	10.8750-10.8850k	3½-4¼ore disc	8¾-9¾ore disc
Paris	11.6700-11.7575f	11.7375-11.7475f	3-4c disc	9¾-10¾ore disc
Stockholm	11.17-11.25k	11.2150-11.2250k	1¼-1¾ore disc	3½-4¼ore disc
Tokyo	321.00-324.25y	323.00-323.00y	⅝-½y prem	2⅜-2⅛y prem
Vienna	26.70-26.96sch	26.83-26.88sch	4¾-3¾gro prem	16⅛-12¾gro prem
Zurich	3.1375-3.1800f	3.1600-3.1700f	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4¼c prem
Dublin	1.2365-1.2430p	1.2415-1.2425p	18-28p disc	69-90p disc

Effective exchange rate compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 80.0.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.1225-1.1235
Singapore	2.1025-2.1040
Malaysia	2.3025-2.3040
Australia	0.9025-0.9030
Canada	1.2937-1.2942
Sweden	8.0370-8.0420
Norway	7.8000-7.8100
Denmark	10.0220-10.0270
West Germany	2.7445-2.7460
Switzerland	2.2665-2.2680
Netherlands	3.0930-3.0945
France	8.4200-8.4250
Japan	231.00-231.10
Italy	1690-1692
Belgium (Comm)	55.72-55.54
Hong Kong	7.8125-7.8135
Portugal	139.25-140.25
Spain	153.00-153.20
Austria	19.26-19.28

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5430-1.5450
Bahrein	0.5225-0.5265
Finland	8.0650-8.1050
Greece	149.20-151.20
Hongkong	10.8900-10.9020
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4085-0.4125
Malaysia	3.2085-3.2130
Mexico	260-285
New Zealand	2.1454-2.1504
Saudi Arabia	4.8805-4.9205
Singapore	2.9299-2.9341
South Africa	1.7842-1.7879

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 10⅛-9⅞, seven days, 10⅛-10⅛; one month, 11-10⅞, three months, 11¾-11⅝, six months 12⅛-12⅛

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

COMMODITIES

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Thirty days that may shake the Continental

The $4.5 billion safety net organized by American's 16 biggest banks has now provided a 30-day breathing space for troubled Continental Illinois, the big Chicago bank. It has already had to draw heavily on the facility to make up for lost deposits and the bank is not out of the wood yet.

The syndicate of banks providing the facility was drawn in by mutual self-interest. It is anxious to safeguard the credibility of the US banking system and avoid the potentially catastrophic knock-on effects in money markets which would result from the failure of one of the biggest American wholesale banks. At the moment, however, there is no provision for the facility to be renewed.

According to one senior New York banker involved in the safety operation, there are three possible outcomes. The first, with a happy ending, is that Continental rebuilds confidence within the 30 days and then resumes business as normal. Failing that, a merger might be arranged; or thirdly, a longer-term facility would be put in place involving the participation of the US banking regulatory authorities.

The various options are being discussed by bankers and officials and we will probably know the answer before the middle of next month. For Continental, it must be touch and go whether it can survive as an independent bank. Confidence is an elusive quality, as recent events in Chicago have again proved.

Prior to last week's spate of rumours, Continental was a bank which had suffered from numerous difficulties with its loan book and whose standing in the markets was not of the highest. However, the big problems had been indentified; the bank was adequately capitalized and there was no reason to believe it would not eventually come through its difficulties.

Once confidence began to crumble, Continental found itself facing severe liquidity problems. Deposits, largely wholesale in this case, but the lifeblood of the bank nevertheless, began to disappear. It is one of the ironies of banking that there was no apparent reason for the sudden flight of faith in the bank beyond self-fulfilling rumours.

US tries to take debt off agenda

The apparently stately progress of international sherpas towards a harmonious and uncontroversial economic summit in London next month has new been abruptly impeded by the debt issue, brought back from the shadows by the recent about-turn in American interest rates and highlighted by Continental Illinois' difficulties.

State Department sources made it clear in Washington yesterday that the Reagan Administration will resist strongly the decision taken by European finance ministers at Rambouillet at the weekend to insist on putting the second-round debt problems of debt problems of developing countries firmly on the summit agenda.

At next week's final preparatory session, the US will make it clear that it remains wholly opposed to structured longer-term solutions that would replace its current, case-by-case approach. Indeed, it will try to break the momentum for new approaches by keeping specific proposals off the summit agenda and, in the words of State Department officials "putting the word out" that US wants harmony on this issue.

The Americans, it must be said, will come to the meeting fresh from wringing a package of concessions from Japan to open up Japanese capital markets (see report at the bottom of the page) in exchange for an agreed moderate US Japanese position on visible trade issues.

They will press for a strong statement condemning the spread of protectionism and laying the groundwork for a new round of multilateral negotiations to liberalize trade. This will embarrass the Europeans who take a similar position on trade to the Americans' or debt.

The real bugbear for Mr Donald Regan, the US Treasury Secretary, is the idea of putting a ceiling on interest rates for loans to Latin American and Third World countries, as floated at the recent central bankers' meeting in New York.

The Americans may yet succeed in reducing the summit discussions of debt to meaningless generalization. While Brazil, with support from Argentina and other South American countries, will continue to put on propaganda pressure for a new solution in the wake of domestic riots, its Rabouillet position is decidedly weak. While the Eurpeans want to push debt to centre stage (and with Mrs Thatcher drawing up the final agenda may succeed in doing so) they have reched no agreement on how interest-rate capping might work. Governments are against subsidies, while bankers reject continuous capitalization of debt as interest rates rise.

Capital reminder for the London market

If participants in the debate over the future structure of the Stock Exchange needed proofof London's relative weakness and great opportunities as an equity stock market, they need look no further than the latest analysis of world stock markets by the Geneva-based Capital International

It shows that the New York and Tokyo equity share markets are in a class of their own both in terms of size and just as important, the spread of investments to sustain trading.

In dollar terms, the total market capitalization of the Tokyo big board at around $600 billion is a long way behind New York's $1,500 billion. There is a similar proportionate gap before we come to London at $230 billion. Canada is about half that size and there are further big falls to Germany and Australia ($80 billion

These figures graphically demonstrate London's preeminence in European share trading, another case of London's position as a financial centre in Europe being wholly out of step with Britain's relative economic strength.

Measures of market concentration, however, are not so comforting. Capital International compares the proportion of the top 10 quoted companies in total share values in each market (excluding foreign securities and investment trusts). Again, the US and Japan offer much greater trading in depth with the top 10 shares accounting for 16 and 17 per cent

London, however, sinks on this measure into a gaggle of second class markets.

The recent growing influence of American-sourced purchases of British stocks through American depository receipts, which effectively push secondary trading out of London, has already pointed up the vulnerability of the London equity market, whether or not US securities firms are allowed a place in Throgmorton Street.

The corresponding opportunity for London, enhanced by European securities and accounting harmonization, surely lies in taking much stronger positions in the many leading continental shares, which are of international interest, but which dominate and stifle their own local markets. If London does not effectively attempt a European takeover, then US securities firms may eventually do so.

City rebels too late to stop main changes, says minister

By Wayne Lintott and Jeremy Warner

Rebels fighting the changes taking place in the Stock Exchange may be too late with their objections. Mr Alex Fletcher, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that the City had reached the "crunch" period for determining the systems under which it is to trade in the future.

In a speech to a City University Business School conference, Mr Fletcher, who is responsible for corporate and consumer affairs, said: "The City is responding to the competition posed by other world financial centres. Some people have expressed concern at the speed of the changes now taking place. I would be more concerned if the will to change was not so much in evidence. The City is facing international competition realistically."

The Government itself, he said, is under pressure of time. A Financial Services Act should be passed in 1986 at the latest, given that there could well be an election the following year. For that to take place, a White paper will have to be published this autumn, at the latest, and instructions issued by next January, as The Times has already foreshadowed.

"The City will have to face regulation under either a Labour or Conservative government," he said, adding that he passionately favoured a system of self regulation against a regulatory body, like the American Securities and Exchange Commission, advocated by members of the Labour Party.

"Now is the time for the market to shape itself," he said. The Department of Trade and Industry had so far received more than 100 responses to Professor Laurence Gower's report on regulatory systems. Many eminent City figures were supporting a statutory regulatory body, he said.

"The Government has no blueprint or formula for what should be taking place but we are concerned about investor protection."

He felt that under Professor Gower's recommendations, there could be as many as 14 self-regulatory agencies (SRA's) but he favoured a number significantly lower than that.

The minister said later that he would like to see just four


Alex Fletcher: White paper needed this autumn.

SRA's: one to cover any institution dealing in, or outside the realms of the Stock Exchange, in shares or bonds, the second to cover the commodity markets, the third to regulate investment advisers of any kind and the fourth to cover the insuance market.

"These are just my personal views", he told the City audience. "I want to see regulation kept in the hands of the practitioners and users of the stock market system, rather than create a large number of professional regulators."

"It is not only the City that will face the wins of competition. The Government will extend its competitive framework throughout the realms of Britain's professions", he said.

More than 70 representatives from 42 or the smaller London stockbroking firms were expected to attend last nogh's meeting in the City to coordinate opposition to the recent discussion document on the Stock Exchange's future.

Most representatives were voicing opposition to various aspects of the document but six observers from the larger stockbroking firms and a representative from one of the large jobbing firms, were also due to attend.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, celebrating his fiftieth birthday yesterday, was to address the meeting and field questions. Mr Jeremy Lewis, a partner of Seymour Pierce, said last night that a steering committee would be set up to overesee the revolt among the smaller firms and that a list of nominations to the committee would be published today.

Earnings growing

The growth in earnings is showing no sign of slackening, according to official figures published yesterday, and it is still running comfortably above the increase in prices.

The Department of Employment said that average earnings increased at an underlying rate of 7.75 per cent in the year to March, the eighth successive month at this level. This compared with an inglation rate of 5.2 per cent in March, which is set to fall – possibly to under 5 per cent – when the April inflation figures are announced on Friday.

The earnings index, seasonally adjusted, showed a 12-month rise of 5.4 per cent.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1104.5 up 9.3 (high: 1104.5; low: 1101.2)
FT Index: 879.4 up 0.14
FT Gilts: 79.97 up 0.18
Bargains: 23,482
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 116.01 up 0.94
New York: Dow Jones Average: (latest) 1153.27 up 2.41
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,619.85 up 15.31
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 949.32 up 25.25
Amsterdam: 177.7 up 0.2
Sydney: AO Index 730.3 up 0.5
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1015.3 up 11.2
Brussels: General Index 155.23 down 1.20
Paris: CAC Index 177.2 up 1.2
Zurich: SKA General 312.7 up 0.3

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.3945 up 70pts
Index 80.0 up 0.1
DM 3.8275 up 0.01
FrF 11.7425 up 0.0025
Yen 322.50 up 0.50
Dollar
Index 131.0 down 0.5
DM 2.7445 down 0.0055
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.3935
Dollar DM 2.7435
INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.587171
SDR £0.750206

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed 7¼ - 7
3 month interbank 9⅛ - 9¼

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11¾ - 11⅝
3 month DM 6 1/16 - 5 15/16
3 month Fr F12⅝ - 12⅜

US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 10
Treasury long bond 98½ - 98¾

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 4, 1984 to May 1, 1984, inclusive: 8.934 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $374.80
close $375.25-375.75 (£269-269.50)
New York (latest): $375.25
Krugerrand* (per coin): $386.25-387.75 (£277-278)
Sovereigns* (new): $88-89 (£63-64)
*Excludes VAT

Heineken's advertising agency to go public

By Jonathan Clare

The advertising agency which made its name with Heineken lager is about to refresh the parts of the stock market that other companies have yet to reach.

Lowe Howard-Spink Campbell-Ewald plans to have a full quote on the London stock market next month and is likely to be the second largest quoted advertising agency after Saatchi & Saatchi. The expected market value is likely to be between £20m to £25m.

An unnamed overseas investor who provided finance to start the business wants to realize his investment and he is expected to provide up to 10 per cent of the shares.

The rest will come from Interpublic, the world's largest advertising agency, which has a big stake and the directors. The public will probably be given the chance to buy about 30 per cent of the shares.

Audited profits figures for the last three months are still being worked on but the profits record will be difficult to interpret anyway. Lowe Howard-Spink was formed in 1981. Last September it merged with Campbell-Ewald, part of Marshalk Campbell which is Interpublic's British arm.

The profit record is said to be "not bad and getting better", while there has been a steady increase in billings to £53m last year.

● Valin Pollen International, the advertising agency which joined the Unlisted Securities Market in January, has turned in first-half profits up by more than 130 per cent.

The directors say they are confident that the forecast full-year turnover of £14m and profits of £425,000 will be exceeded. Yesterday's interim figures show profits up from £118,000 to £280,000 on turnover doubled from £3.6m to £7.2m. New clients include Reuters, Canon Europa, BAT Industries and Royal Insurance.

Lonrho accused of 'cashless takeover'

By William Kay, City Editor

Professor Roland Smith, chairman of the House of Fraser department store group, hit out last night at a plan by Lonrho to win a majority of directors on the Fraser Board.

He said: "This is a takeover of House of Fraser without using money. They are trying the first cashless takeover in Britain. It is a shrewd Lonrho manoeuvre to gain control of House of Fraser."

Professor Smith was referring to a series of resolutions for the appointment of 12 additional directors at the House of Fraser annual meeting on June 30. They have been requisitioned by Lonrho, which holds 29.9 per cent of the shares in the retail group.

Half the candidates are Lonrho directors or executives. They are Mr Edward du Cann MP, Mr Robert Dunlop, Mr Terry Robinson, Mr Paul Spicer, Mr Robert Whitten and Mr Alan Ball.

The other six are Mr Ronald Aitken, a former senior partner of the accountants Binder Hamlyn; Mr George Copus of Standard Chartered Bank; Miss D'Avo Jennifer of the Ryman retail chain; Mr Alexander "Sandy" Gilmour, former senior partner of the stockbrokers Carr Sebag; Lord Roger Manners of Strauss Turnbull, the stockbroking firm; and Sir Hugh Fraser, whose father founded House of Fraser. Sir Hugh was previously a major shareholder in House of Fraser in his own right, but most of his holding has been transferred to Lonrho.

Lonrho currently has two nominees on the Fraser board: Mr Tiny Rowland and Lord Duncan-Sandys. Mr Rowland is up for reelection.

Spicer explained yesterday that the purpose of the resolutions was to force through the plan to demerge Harrods from House of Fraser. Shareholders passed a motion to that effect last year, but the present Fraser board decided against it. "The purpose is to ensure that the demerger issue is fairly put to shareholders, thus settling one way or the other the present differences", according to a Lonrho statement. It stressed that the intention was "not to alter permanently" the composition of the board, or to increase or consolidate Lonrho's position in the House of Fraser.

A reconstruction would follow "when the issue of demerger has been resolved", Lonrho said. But if Lonrho had a majority of the board by then, it would also be in a strong position to influence that reconstruction.

Professor Smith insisted last night: "The demerger proposals were thorughly discussed by the board last year."

Group seeks support at Chloride

By Andrew Cornelius

More than 12,000 Chloride shareholders will be asked today to join the action group established last year to force the company to resume dividend payments and allow shareholders a greater say in the running of its affairs.

Dr Maurice Gillibrand, a former research director of Chloride, the acting chairman of the small group of rebel shareholders, hopes to boost membership of the group by appealing for support from other Chloride shareholders.

Each shareholder will receive a 13-page document spelling out the aims and constitution of the group. In a few weeks they will be invited to a series of meetings in London, Birmingham and Manchester to discuss strategy and put the group on a more formal footing.

Dr Gillibrand has been an ardent critic of Chloride's policies for several years. He said: "We are very dissatisfied with the company's performance. This may be because shareholders have not been vigilant enough in criticizing the board's policies."

Chloride, which is chaired by Sir Michael Edwardes, reported its first pretax profits since 1978 in the half year to September 30, 1983, but has not paid a dividend for three years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BAe merger backed by Lamont

The Government would not impeded the proposed merger of British Aerospace and Thorn-EMI, Mr Norman Lamont, the Industry Minister, told MPs yesterday.

But the Government would demand a guarantee that BAC's role in the Airbus project would continue, and a pledge that the company would not pass into foreign control.

The merger, he said, would have to be considered for referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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● COMMERCIAL UNION assurance yesterday reported pretax losses of £8.4m for the first quarter of the year compared with pretax profits of £14m at the same stage last year. Group underwriting losses increased from £66m to £84m, while group premium income fell by £10 to £59.8m.

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● NSS NEWSAGENTS saw pretax profits drop from £3.4m to £3m in the half year to April 1. Turnover increased to £77.2m from £76.5m. The interim dividend of 1.2p is up from 1.1p last time.

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● LEGAL & GENERAL's annual meeting was told that the storms this year would have a significant effect on profit figures. The cost of "exceptional" household claims is likely to be about £6m.

OECD warning on rising US rates

From Frances Williams, Paris

The organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is painting a brighter picture of economic prospects for the industrial countries this year and next, but has given a warning that rising American interest rates threaten the durability of recovery in the longer term.

The new OECD forecasts, to be given to ministers from the 24 member nations for their two-day meeting which begins today in Paris, suggest the industrial world as a whole may grow by 4 per cent this year, slowing to about 3 per cent next year as the United States economy loses momentum.

But Europe is expected to expand by only 2 per cent this year, which is not enough to prevent unemployment rising further. This is better, however, than the 1.5 per cent predicted by the OECD last December, which compared with 3.5 per cent for the industrial countries

The unpublished forecasts also show that the OECD expects Britain to grow faster than the European average this year. It has revised up slightly its 2.5 per cent growth forecast made in December, but remains more cautious than the British Government which is predicting 3 per cent growth this year.

Yen markets expected to open up

Tokyo on verge of reform

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

A series of measures designed to meet United States demands for the liberalization of Japanese financial markets is expected to be announced by Mr Nakasone's Government on Monday. The list of reforms is expected to be extensive enough to persuade the Reagan Administration to cease its obstruction of a new financial settlement at the World Bank. The US has been blocking Japan's promotion to second place on the ladder of national authority at the World Bank in order to force it to accelerate financial liberalization. This has been the main issue between the Japanese and American Governments in the runup to the London summit, and a ceasefire between the two on financial issues will lead to agreement on almost all trade issues between the governments of the two most powerful summit economies.

The main elements in the package are expected to be:

● Firm proposals by Japan for the creation of a bankers' acceptance market in Tokyo;

● The relaxation of some restrictions on Euroyen issues by non-residents;

● Permission for the issue of yen-denominated Certificates of Deposit in London;

● A further reduction in the minimum scale of Cerficates of Deposits, from 500 million yen to 100 million.

Most or all of these measures are expected to take effect from next year at the earliest. Other measures indicated by Japan to take effect from next year include an increase in the limit on the total amount of yen-denominated Certificates of Deposits issued by banks, to take effect from the second quarter of 1985.

The US has been pressing for financial liberalization because it believes that restrictions on capital inflows are artificially depressing the yen, making Japanese goods super-competitive in world markets. It has demanded change in three areas: the development of a Euroyen market, the decontrol of interest rates in Japan, to enable foreign banks to compete more effectively, and an opening up of the monopoly of certain types of business enjoyed by the Japanese trust banks.

The American Govenment's fundamental complaint is that the absence of a proper short-term financial market in Japan deprives international financiers of suitable yen instruments and therefore helps to kep the yen down. They point out that while the American banking sector is roughly two and a half times the size of the Japanese equivalent, the American short-term market is roughly 10 times the size of that in Japan.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

De Vere rises amid bid talk

By Michael Clark

De Vere Hotels and Restaurants rose 7p to 320p yesterday – just 8p short of the high – amid speculation that the mysterious *predator who has been in talks* with the group will announce his terms today.

At this level De Vere, which owns Connaught Rooms and the Mirabelle Club, in London, is valued at £44.5m. Last month Mr Leopold Muller, De Vere's chairman, aged 81 announced that there had been approaches but gave warning that all the bids received were way below the present share price.

Mr Muller controls over 51 per cent of the shares and is known to be a willing seller after an unsuccessful bid last year by Selfpost. Selfpost, a private company controlled by Mr Gerald Holland, was prepared to bid 340p a share for Mr Muller's stake and then offer a similar amount to other De Vere shareholders. However, the deal went wrong after Mr Holland failed to raise the necessary cash. Following the recent share split the bid would be worth around 280p at today's levels. Last night Mr Muller and the rest of his board were not available for comment

In 1983 De Vere's pretax profits rise from £1m to £1.83m on turnover £1.83m higher at £22m.

Bid talk was the main theme elsewhere in the market after Tuesday's news that **Thorn EMI** and **British Aerospace** were considering merging. Thorn lost another 18p to 564p on further reflection of the deal, while British Aerospace improved another 16p to 338p. Market watchers are taking the view that the deal could be bad for Thorn.

Elsewhere, the equity market showed signs of running out of steam after this week's technil rally. The FT Index, which had been unchanged for most of the day, closed 1.4 up at 879.4, while the FT-SE 10 rose 9.9 to 1104.5.

Leaders showed selective support after hours as Wall Street opened firmer with **Beecham** 4p dearer at 325p, **Blue Circle** 8p at 423p, **BOC Group** 3p at 278p, **Glaxo** 15p at 840p **ICI** 4p at 598p, **Peninsula and Oriental** 3p at 314p and **Trusthouse Forte** 4p at 123p and **TI Group** 4p at 254p. **Hanson Trust** was another firm market awaiting the outcome of the seminar in New York between the company and US investors. The shares closed 7p dearer at 231p.

Little Pict Petroluem, the North Sea exploration group, spurted 7p to 163p yesterday on hopes that it has again struck it rich. The group's operator, Monsanto, recently announced a new find on block 15/21 and close observers say that a new appraisal well in the same block has again come up trumps. Dealers are also excited by the suggestions that Pict is about to exchange half of its interest in block 15/21 for a 15 per cent stake in block 99 in the English Channel.

The increased fighting in the Middle East and the rising cost of crude oil on the Rotterdam spot market produced another flurry of activity in oils. **BP** led the way with a 15p rise to 511p, followed by **Shell**, 15p to 665p, **Tricentrol** 4p to 220p, **Ultramar** 7p to 629p, **Lasmo** 12p to 318p, **Britoil** 17p to 255p, **Carless Capel** 7p to 240p, and **Imperial Continental Gas** 9p to 305p. Only **Burmah** failed to make headway, losing an early lead to close unchanged at 179p. Grievson Grant, the broker, reckons recent pretax profits proved misleading, and is looking for another healthy increase in operating income in the present year.

Gilts were heartened by the continued rally on the US bond market and the improvement in *the pound's fortunes against the* dollar. The Government Broker also encouraged the buyers by reducing the price of his latest tap Treasury 9½ per cent Convertible 1989.

He is reckoned to have sold around *£400m at the new price* of £47⅝ partly paid. At the longer end of the market, prices rose by up to £½, but in shorts earlier gains of £5/16 had been reduced to $¼ by the close. The FT Government Securities Index rose 0.18 to 79.97.

Lyle Shipping fell 1p to 78p after news that its accounts had been heavily qualified. Arthur Young McClelland, the auditor, says in its report that negotiations with the group's bankers are in progress to secure facilities to enable further payments to be made for ships the group is having built in Japan. In the absence of these ships it is uncertain that the group can continue to trade as a going concern. A spokesman for Lyle said he was confident the funds would be made available.

Waring & Gillow jumped 39p to 148p after the directors announced that a certain company might be interested in making a bid. The statement was made because of the recent increases in the company's share prices over the past few days. **Great Universal Stores**, which owns 30 per cent of Waring, denied it was making the bid. Mr Philip Harris, of Harris Queensway, is the market's favourite to make such a move, but he went out of his way to deny the rumours yesterday.

Francis Industries held steady at 126p after the Takeover Panel announced it had found no evidence to indicate any breach of the *Takeover Code in certain* dealings in Francis Industries following the bid from Mr David Abell's Suter. The inquiry was requested by Francis's financial adviser, Lazard Bros. Suter closed 6p *lower at 116p.*

Kennedy Brookes, the Mario & Franco and Wheelers restaurant chain, has been buying more shares in **Leisurtime** *International*, which used to trade under the name of Old Swan Hotels (Harrogate). The group has bought a further 50,000 shares in Leisuretime and now owns a total of 672,000 The news failed to impress Leisuretime, unchanged at 64p, but Kennedy Brookes added 2p to 265p.

It looks as though the long-awaited recovery at the international trader Inchcape may be on the way. Full year figures this month are expected to signal a bottoming out in the group's fortunes with analysts looking for £50m to £55m pretax against £71m last time. Dealers reckon the shares could soon be due for a re-rating. Yesterday they rose 12p to 363p – just shy of the year's high.

Equity turnover on May 15 was £237,963m (18,003 bargains). The number of British and Irish stocks traded was 145, 1m. Gilt bargains totalled 3.178.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling which was more than a cent ahead against the dollar in early trading yesterday lost some of this advantage at the end.

The dollar which had followed the lower trend of Euro deposit rates met renewed profit-taking, but recovered *during the mid-session* when the latest higher US housing starts figures further emphasised the strength of the American economy. US bond rates which opened higher slipped back later and these two factors induced a moderate rally by the dollar.

The pound ended the session 70 points up at 1.3945 while its trade-weighted index after 80.2 at noon closed at 80. But it was still up against the previous night's 79.9.

In Deutsche mark terms the pound was below its best at 3.8230 (3.8140).

The yen, worried about the air attacks on oil tankers in the Gulf, slipped back at 231.25 (231.20) against the dollar.

MONEY MARKETS

The fact that there were ready buyers for the tap once the Government Broker had lowered his price for the stock, encouraged money market operators to take a slightly more relaxed view of base-rate prospects in the short-term.

In the longer term, however, the market remains nervous.

The discount market may well now be happy to pay for money and run its bills, therefore bringing to an end the cheap-money phase that has existed since last week's base rate rises.

Interbank overnight money fell to about 6 per cent in the early stages, firmed to about 7 per cent at mid-session, and then shot up to 20-30 per cent in late trading, before finishing in the region of 20 per cent.

TEMPUS

Market relief as CU trims American loss

There was evident relief in the market yesterday *when* Commercial Union published its first quarter results. The City has become used to a nasty sting in the tail from CU in recent results announcements, but for once the results were broadly in line with expectations.

The market was also impressed by the slight reduction in underwriting losses in the US. These fell from a loss of £46.2m to a loss of £42.4m compared with the same period last year.

These two encouraging signs, coupled with an indication that the long-awaited rate increases on commercial lines in the US are at last beginning to show through, were enough to lift CU's share price by 9p to 217p.

Yet, despite the renewed enthusiasm for CU shares there is little reason to expect any dramatic upturn in the group's trading fortunes. First quarter figures always tend to be a poor indicator of the ultimate results for the year. CU's first quarter loss of £8.4m against last year's £14m pretax profit stemmed largely from £12m of weather *losses in Britain and in* a further £7m of British fire claims.

These factors contributed to increased group underwriting losses of £84m against £66m last time.

That may not be enough to stem the tide of losses in the US. CU is unlikely to benefit before next year from a hardening of rates by leaders in the American market, such as Sigma. This begs the question: what is CU planning to do with its US business?

CU, like the other British composites, is also concerned about the changing pattern of world weather which has led to two years of unprecedented losses in the US and at home. An industry-wide initiative may be necessary to determine whether freezing conditions in Florida and hurricane force storms in Britain are merely a temporary phenomenom or part of a new weather pattern.

Longer term there is much more room for optimism. And CU's board is sticking by its promise to maintain the dividend unless it encounters *"exceptional and unforseen"* circumstances. So far, CU says it has not encountered such circumstances.

NSS Newsagents

If independent newsagents were viewed in a similar way to wild animals they would no doubt now be regarded as an endangered species. The recent bid by W. H. Smith for Martin the Newsagent comes after several takeovers which have seen several of the independent chains swallowed by much larger predators.

NSS Newsagents, with more than 500 outlets, is of a similar size to Martin, and like Martin concentrates on the traditional but still profitable confectionery, tobacco and newspaper market. NSS is well aware that its name could be the next to be added to an unwelcome hunter's shopping list.

If open season is to be declared on NSS, however, the shots are unlikely to be fired by the likes of W. H. Smith. Its mover for Martin was surprising, not least because it withdrew rapidly from much of the CTN market some time ago. Other potential bidders could be the cigarette companies keen to protect a market which has suffered at the hands of both the Chancellor and the health lobby. Previous forays by the tobacco giants in this direction have not been a great success.

The main problem for a chain like NSS is its concentration on CTN. While the market remains profitable it *shows* little sign of growth. Prices for confectionery and newspapers have remained stable, and tobacco prices, ignoring the Budget, have in some cases fallen. Volumes however, have not improved, and NSS's pretax profits fell in the first six months mainly because of the late Easter.

The company has some new ideas in the pipeline away from the mainstream CTN, which it is hoped will contribute to growth. NSS is returning over 20 per cent on its capital employed, and if it could back this with genuine growth it could make some real progress. The share price was up 2p at 84p.

Gilts

Do not be surprised if Akroyd makes some sluggish prices this morning. Buckmaster & Moore gives it all away over the phone. Both concerns were playing for doubles last night in the Stock Exchange darts finals.

Yesterday's manoeuvres by the Government Broker provided a pleasing curtain-raiser to the festivities. No one could work out for sure whether he *had hit* the bull, or missed the board altogether, by slashing the tap price.

After aggressive trading late on Tuesday in Treasury 9½ per cent Convertible 1989 at 47½, some 2½ points below the issue price, the market queued for the tap early yesterday, and the Government Broker duly supplied stock at 47⅝. But he was both on and off at that price, implying that his next price would be 47¾.

"Earl" of York, stiffed the traders, after he supplied perhaps £100m to the market, and another £100m to fill in the jobbers' bear positions. (Earls rank below Dukes).

It is perhaps only the second time in living memory that the Government Broker has failed to sell out on a tap after cutting his price. With the sale proceeds falling into banking June, some claim that he has misjudged the market, saddling himself with an unsaleable tap to boot.

Other more sanguine souls, however, suggest that his stealthy operations are connected with the wall of cash due to fall on the market next week. A nominal £1.1bn of Exchequer 14 per cent 1984 is redeemed, and £800m of dividends cascade into the market's hands. Perhaps he is right to be bullish.

But the Bank of England's money market operations rather contradicted the Government Broker's stance. By leaving some of the shortage in the market, overnight rates were driven up to 15 per cent at one point. America was also unhelpful. Tuesday's bond market rally reversed

Hence the uneasy finish to the market, with shorts and longs shading gains.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

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Henderson profits rise 38%

Henderson Group the garage industrial doors and security systems combine, achieved a 38 per cent increase in its pretax profits, to £5.8m in the year to the end of February and is heading for a record this year.

A final dividend of 3.4p is being recommended, lifting the total from 4p to 5p. The security business, Continental Instruments Corporation in the United States, which was acquired in February, contributed about £1m to profits.

The Normand factory at Farlington, Hampshire has been sold for more than £1m since the year-end, adding to the strengths of the balance sheet, which is showing net cash of £500,000.

● **DUPORT:** Year to Jan. 31, 1984. Turnover £58.12m (£67.5m). Pretax profit £2.12m (loss £1.11m). Total dividend 1p a share (nil last time). Given reasonable conditions, board confidently expects Duport's progress to continue, providing an improving level of dividends to shareholders.

● **HARTWELLS GROUP:** Year to Feb. 29, 1984. Turnover £205.46m (£184.62m). Pretax profit £4.22m (£3.16m). Total dividend 5p (4.4p). One-for-two scrip issue proposed. Board reports that outlook is good and, unless industrial intervenes, current year's profits should certainly be above 1983-84.

● **CAPARO PROPERTIES:** Results for 1983, compared with previous nine months. Turnover £2.6m (£4.46m). Pretax profit £157,000 (loss £383,000). Company is a subsidiary of Caparo Industries.

● **MAJEDIE INVESTMENTS:** Half-year to March 31 1984. Pretax profit £732,000 (£1.31m), including surplus on disposals of investments, £357,000 (£967,000). Asset value per share 134p (115p).

● **INTERNATIONAL THOMSON ORGANISATION:** Annual meeting told that results for first quarter of current year will indicate that last year's strong growth is continuing. Company continues to make good progress in North American and British publishing business. North Sea oil operations are maintaining their important contribution to the group and outlook for this year is good.

● **PETROCON GROUP:** Mr P Hodgson, chairman, reports in his annual statement that the recovery in rig activity is going to be a slow process, in spite of the stabilization of oil prices.

William Kay on the British Aerospace love tangle

Would Racal be a prettier bride at the Thorn EMI wedding?

This week's stunning news that Thorn EMI wants to merge with British Aerospace has refocused attention on the electricals sector – but not in quite the way some of its supporters would have wished.

British Aerospace – the privatized version of the nationalized amalgam of British Aircraft Corporation, Hawker Siddeley's aircraft interests and Scottish Aviation – has been regarded as something of a leper by the stock market as increasingly grandoise plans have unfolded for its participation in the European Airbus A-320 150-seat jet airliner project.

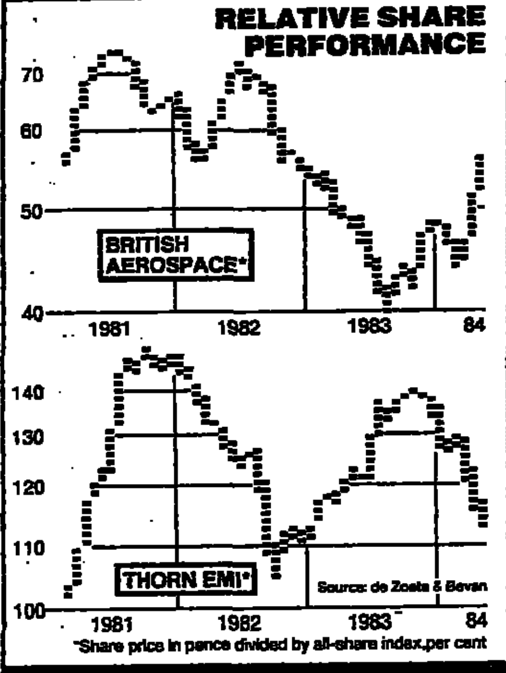
That participation amounts to a 20 per cent stake and a commitment to provide the A320's wings. In March, Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced that the Government would provide British Aerospace with launch aid of £250m instead of the £430m the group wanted. The company would have to find £300m.

Cynics promptly doubled that figure on the basis of similar projects, allowing for the inevitable hiccups associated with planes built by international consortiums and the possibility that the assumed inflation rate of 5 per cent a year for the relevant period might be vulnerable.

That is one reason why the Stock Exchange valued British Aerospace shares at less than five years' earnings until Thorn declared its interest. Another reason is the company's penchant for such unpleasant surprises as the £100m provision against future civil aviation losses, which demolished 1982's profits.

Thorn EMI has made no secret of the fact that it wanted to make a significant acquisition to absorb the £600m it expects to generate in the next few years from renting out colour television sets and video cassette recorders. But, as one analyst put it: "That doesn't mean we expected them to pour it down the throat of something like the Airbus."

By coincidence, a more attractive bride stepped into the limelight this week when Racal Electronics unveiled its Vodaphoen cellular radio system. Like British Aerospace, Racal would satisfy Thorn EMI's wish to diversify away from consumer products, with the difference that Racal is one of the best-run companies in the land. Of course, Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal's chairman, would not play second fiddle to anyone else, a factor which might weigh with Mr Peter



Sir Austin Pearce: British Aerospace

GEC is also believed to be taking a close interest in BAe developments

Laister, who took over as chairman of Thorn EMI only last month.

In other words, British Aerospace cannot be the only answer to the fascinating question of where Thorn EMI goes from here. The electrical and electronics sector is after all bristling with companies boasting real growth rates of more than 10 per cent a year, and the likelihood of maintaining those growth rates for some years to come.

Only a few, like Plessey or Ferranti, offer the sheer size of British Aerospace, and those doors might be closed. But the post-war history of British industry is littered with mergers that went sour. So there is never any reason to rush in for the sake of it. We are being urged by the Thorn Management to recall the chorus of dissent against the bid for the troubled EMI five years ago.

That dissent was unjustified. The merger has been a triumph. But it would be wrong to regard that as some sort of talisman, protecting Thorn EMI from snares.

As is so often the case, the interplay of personalities has a vital role in British Aerospace's future. Intriguingly, Mr Laister spent his formative business years at Esso, whose British chief used to be Sir Austin Pearce – now chairman of British Aerospace. But a key figure behind the scenes is Sir Richard Cave, Mr Laister's predecessor at Thorn EMI.

He has long experience of the defence industry through his former career at Smiths Industries, the instrument group, and is now chairman of Vickers, the co-owner with GEC of the old British Aircraft Corporation.

GEC, to the horror of the stockbroking fraternity, is also believed to be taking a close interest in developments at British Aerospace.

In a literal sense, GEC is one of the companies which still has an interest in British Aerospace, to the extent that the former owners of the nationalized assets have challenged long and bitterly the compensation terms imposed on them by Labour in

Shareholders in every BAe suitor must be praying that their company is not chosen

1977. The Conservatives argued vigorously on their behalf at the time, but their ardour has perceptibly *cooled since* Mrs Thatcher came to power in 1979. The case is still going through the tortuous corridors of the European Commission in Brussels.

GEC is said to have offered to buy British Aerospace outright from the stock market three years ago. But that would have been politically difficult, leaving the Government open to the charge of doing a backstairs deal with a favourite son. Relations between Mrs Thatcher and Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, have deteriorated since then, partly because of their differing views over British Telecom's privatization.

But a GEC bid now would have some logic. The group's notorious £1.5 million cash mountain could buy British Aerospace three times over. GEC's size means that it could absorb the wild swings in British Aerospace's profits without being knocked off course. And the two companies already do some joint work on defence contracts.

However, there would remain the problem of the civil aviation side in general – and the Airbus project in particular. It would not be beyond the capacity of Lord Weinstock to take a Thatcherite line and demand a renegotiation of the consortium terms, backed by the diplomatic skills of his Chairman, Lord Carrington, Foreign Secretary until two years ago.

If that sounds too improbable, it at least demonstrates what a problem child British Aerospace is to the stock market, and the degree to which the cracks were papered over for the purpose of the launch in 1981.

Indeed, *The Times* pointed them to the division of opinion between the professional investor and the man in the street: "The overriding impression is that the publicity machine put into top gear for this crucial government privatization step, has sucked in many more small investors, gullible or otherwise, than the run-of-the-nill offer for sale ... The instituions will not be willing to chase the price too high."

What is now all too painfully apparent is that British Aerospace is in need of a financial mid-air refuelling to see it *through some difficult* years. The share price and prospective cash flow make it unlikely that such cash can be readily raised through a rights issue or borrowings.

Despite Sir Austin Pearce's defiant reaction to Thorn EMI's approach – "They came to us, we did not go to them" – it would make far more sense for it to be part of a larger group. But at the present price of BA, shareholders in every possible suior must be praying that the ouija board does not spell out the name of their company.

Keswick replaced at Jardine Insurance

Jardine Insurance Brokers Group: **Mr Rodney Leach** has become chairman. He succeeds Mr Simon Keswick, chairman and chief executive of Jardine Matheson.

London Electricity Board: **Mr K. G Harvey** is deputy chairman if the board for five years from next Monday.

Capel-Cure Myers: **Mr Leonard Klahr and Mr David Poole** have joined the partnership. Mr John McGregor has retired but continues as a consultant.

Telecommunications Managers Association of the Institute of Administrative Management: **Mr John Kelly**, of Grand Metropolitan Information Services, has succeeded Mr Stephen Finch, of British Petroleum, as chairman.

W S Atkins Group Consultants: **Mr Colin Haylock** is the new finance director and company secretary.

APPOINTMENTS

Terra Nova Insurance Company: **Mr S. I. Weill** has become a director.

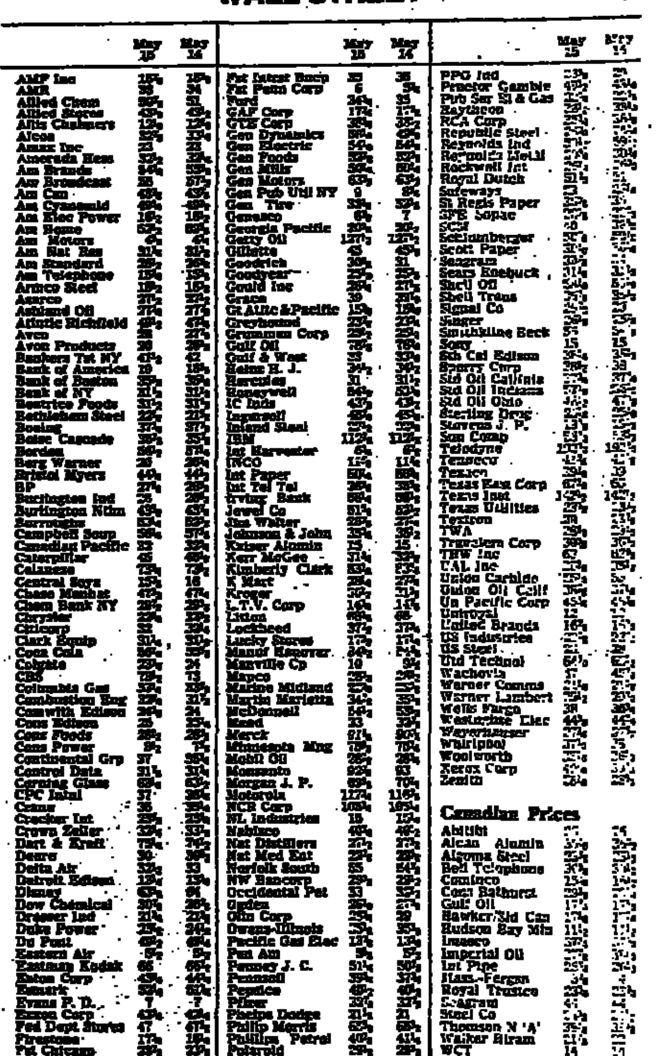
McLaren Dick (Marine): **Mr Alan Rushton** is a new executive director.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation: **Mr Hei Sai Fun** had been appointed non-executive deputy chairman. Dr Helmut Sohmen and Mr Jack Chi Chien Tang have become directors.

Employment Conditions Abroad: **Mr R. T. S. Macpherson** is to succeed Sir Leonard Neal on June 1 as independent chairman.

Mercantile Credit: **Mr Huw Manton**, a director and general manager of Barclays Bank International has been made a non-executive director of Mercantile Credit.

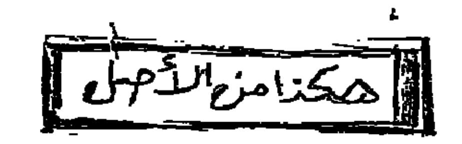
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TENNIS

Tiny Miss Einy learns that height need not be everything

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Berlin

It had to happen. Little Rina Einy, from Hendon, stepped out of her class and was sharply reprimanded in the German championships yesterday. She had won two matches in the qualifying competition and another in the main draw without even conceding a set. But the fifth seed, Andrea Temesvari, beat her 6-1, 6-3 in 76 minutes. Miss Temesvari had to work hard but played slightly better than she needed to.

In this second round, as in the first, the 19-year-old Miss Einy was playing somebody a year younger. Miss Temesvari, though, is much bigger and stronger than the 5ft 3in Londoner. Miss Temesvari had too much power and variety for a dogged but comparatively lightweight opponent.

Miss Temesvari's most obvious advantages were her forehand, her service, her drop shots and her ability to play from the forecourt. Often, too, her top spun "moon balls" had Miss Einy scuttling across the run-backs and hitting the ball while it was buzzing about her ears.

Miss Einy could learn a lot from a player of a similarly small build, Mima Jausovec, the former champion of Germany, Italy and France. Miss Jausovec won 6-4, 6-4 against Catarina Lindqvist, aged 20, at 60th the most highly ranked Swede.

This contrasts with the fact that five Swedish men are ranked in the top 30. Why the difference?

"The men have so much competition at home when they are young," Miss Lindqvist said. "There are 150 to 200 junior boys and to win the junior championship you need to be really good, because there are about 20 players at the same level. But there are only about 40 or 50 junior teams – those behind them never reach that level.

"When Borg started to play so well, that had a lot to do with it, too. And the boys were encouraged when they saw that Wilander could also beat the others. We have never had a star woman player in Sweden. That's important." It is fair to add that, whereas British men are often unfavourably compared with the Swedes, three British women – Joanna Durie, Anne Hobbs and Virginia Wade are more highly ranked than Miss Lindquist.

This was a delightful day's tennis. All the seeds were in action, the sun was shining and the crowds swarming around the courts or the bratwurst stalls almost drowned the birds that emerged from trees and hedgerows. The tennis family was at ease in an environment that had much in common with a village fete (a rather posh village, mind you). Yes, even professional tennis is a family game – yesterday's losers included Laura Arraya and Shelly Solomon, sisters fo better known brothers, Pablo and Harold.

SECOND ROUND: K Rinaldi (US) bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-3, 6-2; V Ruzici (Rom) bt E Inoue (Jap), 6-2, 6-2; M Jausovec (Yug) bt K Lindquist (Swe), 6-4, 6-4; K Horvath (US) bt S Solomon (US), 6-0, 6-1; S Hanika (WG) bt A Minter (Aus), 6-2, 6-2; H Sukova (Cz) bt C Jexell (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; C Tanvier (Fr) bt I Cueto (WG), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3; A Leand (US) bt I Budarova (Cz), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1; S Goles (Yug) bt T Phelps (US), 6-4, 6-4; C Kohde (WG) bt P Keppeler (WG), 6-0, 6-4; A Temesvari (Hun) bt R Einy (GB), 6-1, 6-3; M Skuherska (Cz) bt L Arraya (Peru), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1; I Madruga-Osses (Arg) bt E Okagawa (Jap), 6-2, 6-1; B Gadusek (US) bt J Golder (US), 6-1, 6-2.

Arias the holder loses grip

Rome (Agencies) – Jimmy Arias, of the United States, the defending champion and second seed, is out of the Italian Open, beaten by Claudio Panatta, of Italy, in the second round yesterday.

Arias, the 19-year-old world No 5, lost in three sets, 6–4, 6–7, 5–7 to Panatta, ranked 67th in the world, in front of a packed and patriotic centre court at the Foro Italico. The match lasted more than two and a half hours.

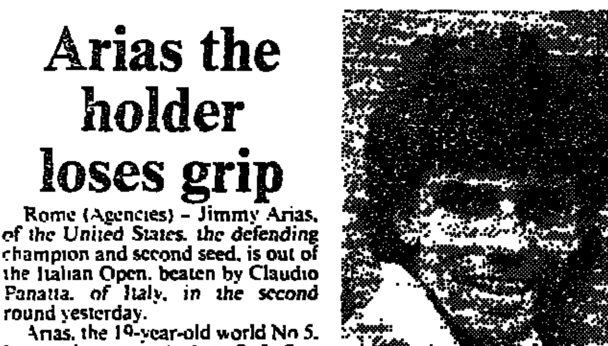
Also out is Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, who suffered a convincing 2–6, 2–6 defeat at the hands of Marcel Freeman, of the United States, and ranked only 115th in the world.

The third shock came when Henrik Sundstrom lost in three sets to Diego Perez, of Uruguay, in the second round.

Sundstrom, the world No 12, who had earlier yesterday eliminated the veteran Ilie Nastase, of Romania, was beaten 7–5, 4–6, 6–0 by an opponent who is ranked 48th in the world. Sundstrom was the eighth seed to fall.

Yannick Noah, the French Open Champion, twice pulled back from the brink of defeat to win his first round match against Julio Goes, a Brazilian qualifier, yesterday.

Noah, the third seed, who defends his French title in Paris in 11 days time, finally won 5-7, 6-4, 7-6. But he had to use a lot of concentration


Arias: shock defeat

and skill to overcome the Brazilian, ranked 16th in the world.

At one point Noah was one set and 4-0 down, before rallying to take six consecutive games for the second set. In the third, he was again in trouble, trailing 5-2, but he levelled the score to 5-5, saving a match point on the way. He went behind again at 6-5, but drew back to set up the tie-break, which he won 7-2.

Earlier in the tournament, Mats Wilander, the top seed, from Sweden, had to fight hard for a three-set victory over Sergio Casal, of Spain. After losing the first set 7-5, Casal came back to win the second 7-5, but the Swede twice broke Casal's serve to take the third set 6-2.

Juan Aguilera, of Spain, wasted no time in beating his compatriot José Higueras, the fourth seed, 6-4, 6-1.

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Briton has the last word

Hampshire's Elizabeth Jones and Marlene de Wouters, of Belgium, each received three warnings for bad behaviour, one short of disqualification, in the Lawn Tennis Association tournament at Lee-on-Solent yesterday. The referee, Alan Mills, spent much of the first round match, which lasted 2hr 48min, at the courtside after Miss Jones had received her third warning in the first set.

Then Miss de Wouters stepped out of line and she received three warnings in the final set which Miss Jones won 7–5. The Briton, who lost the first set 5–7 but took the second 6–3, was joined in the second round by two compatriots.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: P Johnston (Aus) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 6-3; S Perkiss (Isr) bt E Goss (US), 6-1, 1-6, retired; D Mustard (NZ) bt P Rennert (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt B Birner (Cz), 6-4, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: First round: K Brasher bt F Mihai (Rom), 6-4, 6-3; S Reeves bt L Fitzgerald (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; S Mohle (Rom) bt H Pelletier (Can), 6-3, 6-4; E Jones bt M de Wouters (Bel) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

ICE HOCKEY

Player says he was blacklisted for not brawling

From Robin Gregg
Los Angeles

A former member of the Los Angeles Kings ice hockey team claims that he has been blacklisted for refusing to join a fight during a game in 1982 and has filed a 520m law suit in a United States district court against the club.

The player, Paul Mulvey, claims that he was ordered to join a brawl on the ice in a game against a Vancouver team. At the height of the fight, the King's coach told Mulvey, who was sitting on the bench at the time, to join in. Mulvey claims that his refusal led the coach into a verbal attack on him in front of players and fans during an intermission.

Mulvey states that he was later told that he was no good and would never play for the coach again. He was sent to the Junior League team and was told to await return to the side if he "kept a good attitude, kept his nose clean, worked hard and did what the coach told him to do". This never happened, however, and Mulvey says that when, during the following year, he contacted every club in the league, they all stated that they were not interested in his services. The law suit claims that he has been blacklisted. Mulvey now works for a retail company and appears to be out of the game for good.

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR: South East Asian Circuit: Final Leg, first round: C Dittmar (Aus) bt S Roman (Mal), 9-1, 9-2, 9-3; R Norman (NZ) bt K Lim (Aus), 9-3, 9-5, 9-3; M Saad (Egy) bt J Leo (Mal), 9-6, 9-6, 9-2; P Kenyon (GB) bt A Abdel Aziz (Egy) 9-6, 9-2, 9-6.

BADMINTON

Yates misses England's hour of glory

From Richard Eaton
Kuala Lumpur

England's men completed their finest ever performance in the Thomas Cup, sponsored here by Marlboro, by beating South Korea 3-2 yesterday to win the bronze medal and about $8,000, depending on the final gate receipts.

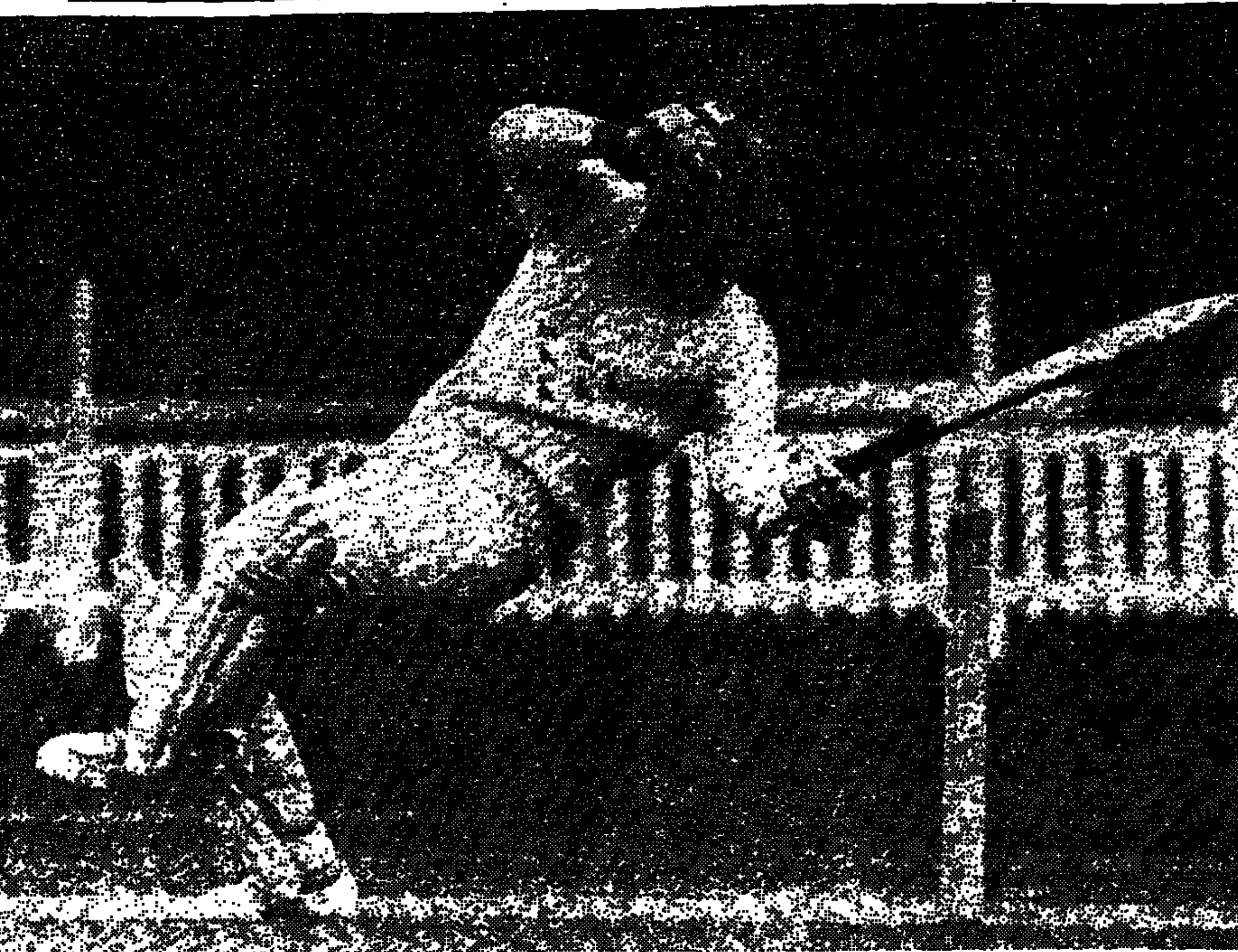
It was another extraordinary win against the odds. With Nick Yates pronouncing himself unfit, Dipak Tailor came in for his first singles and recovered from a game and 2-11 down to win. Then Steve Butler, who saved match points in the second game to beat the world champion, Icuk Sugiarto, last week, now did the same to the Korean No 2, Han Kook Sung.

Add an official protest from the Korean manager to the referee about one of the umpires speaking in the wrong language, warnings from another umpire to Han Kook Sung for time wasting, screamed protests from the England bench when the player took no notice, and few would have been surprised to have been told that the whole thing was an elaborate plot to promote the sport of badminton.

Even before the match there were arguments between Yates and the England manager, Ciro Ciniglio.

UBER CUP: Third place play-off: South Korea [illegible]. THOMAS CUP: Third place play-off: England 3, South Korea 2 (English names first): [illegible]

CRICKET: MIDDLESEX, ESSEX AND SOMERSET WIN IN BENSON AND HEDGES CUP


Phillipson falls as Sussex go down to Middlesex at Lord's (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Sunshine returns to county game

By Ivo Tennant

No sooner did West Indies' touring party begin net practice at Lord's than it rained. What irony, after such a glorious start to the 1984 season! It was the first bad weather to speak of for a month. Doubtless they expected it.

Nonetheless, to seasoned county professionals, as several of the West Indians are, a few hours in the pavilion are nothing compared to their experiences of a year ago, when they suffered the worst start to a summer since before WG's time. A thousand runs in May? It seemed then that even Vivian Richards would be hard pressed to score a thousand in the entire season.

The difference this May is illustrated not just by the fortunes of batsmen - viz Gooch - but by attendance figures, still, in these days of sponsorship and marketing, the bread and butter of a county's income.

Take Gloucestershire. In 1982 they had lost £70,000. A year ago there was talk of crisis, of going to the wall. Thanks ot the heat wave and considerable hard work, that was turned into a profit of £21,000. Already this season they are on course for even better things. Spectators flocked to their opening match at Bristol, undeterred even by the attraction of their rugby club's John Player final at Twickenham on the Saturday.

Worcestershire, too, were fortunate to start their home fixtures during the hot spell at the end of April. In their opening two county championship matches, gates were significantly up. In the first, against Sussex, £1,150 was taken in two days' cricket. That excludes members' contributions. A year-ago, £510 was the sum total of receipts from playing Yorkshire and Somerset.

Somerset, too, have plenty to smile about. Their first championship fixture brought in £4,167, as against £120 in 1983. True, Yorkshire were the opposition, and no doubt were of curiosity value after events of the winter. That is, if they are not anyway after the blood and thunder of Brian Close's days at Taunton.

There has been a welcome spin-off. Antiquated though it seems, many county members still pay their subscriptions in the first days of the season rather than in advance. By June last year, the weather had been so bad that several Somerset members, having seen little cricket, chose to pay at the gate. This summer, the county has already collected £134,000 out of the £140,000 anticipated from subscriptions.

From Lancashire to London, other clubs' attendances have mostly been good. At Lord's, 6,388 spectators paid to watch MCC v Essex, the opening fixture, as against 127 last summer. Strangely, though, Essex themselves have fared less well.

It has been chilly of late down at Chelmsford. Yet their secretary, Peter Edwards, is more concerned with the vagaries of the fixture list. "To have one-day matches on successive weekend days, as we have had, is not viable. A limited audience will not wish to watch the dame product on both Saturday and Sunday."

It is early days still. Doubtless there will be rain aplenty later in the summer, affording West Indies many more opportunities to limber up in that dressing-room at Lord's which is sited directly above MCC members' writing-room. It is quite an awesome noise to those underneath. For the present, though, whispers of crisis are not to be heard abroad.

Examination for Kapil Dev

Kapil Dev, Worcestershire's new overseas signing, is in the United States for an examination by the surgeon in Boston who carried out an exploratory operation on his right knee in February.

The Indian Test captain flew to America last week and is expected back in Worcester at the weekend.

Today's Fixtures

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
(11.0 start, 55 overs)
OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Worcestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Warwickshire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Middlesex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Hampshire
HOVE: Sussex v Glamorgan
GLASGOW (Hamilton Crescent): Scotland v Leicestershire
SHREWSBURY: Minor Counties v Derbyshire
FENNER'S: Combined Universities v Essex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP
Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Yorkshire; Neath: Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire; Bournemouth: Hampshire v Somerset; Maidstone: Kent v Surrey; Market Harborough: Leicestershire v Lancashire; Northampton: Northamptonshire v ...; Stratford-upon-Avon: Warwickshire v Gloucestershire.

Convalescent Radley leads the Middlesex recovery

By Richard Streeton

LORD'S: Middlesex (2 points) beat Sussex by two wickets.

Clive Radley, who is still recovering from mumps, took Middlesex, the Benson and Hedges Cup holders, to a narrow victory yesterday and ensured that Group C remained wide open. Radley's unbeaten 65 was the highest score in as fluctuating game, which Middlesex finally won with 14 balls to spare.

Middlesex needed 215 and were 61 for four when Radley and Emburey came together. Against bowling which ended to be loose, they added a careful 88 in 24 overs, including 49 singles. Emburey, whose all-round showing brought him the Gold Award from the adjudicator, Tony Lewis, was then caught at short fine leg from an intended sweep.

Downton helped Radley add 42 in seven overs and when Downton was caught at square leg, Middlesex were only 24 runs short with six overs in hand. Radley hit only two fours but gathered runs in his usual nudge-and-push style through 36 overs.

Sussex, resuming at 32 for one, reached a commendable total rather than a formidable one. Nearly everyone contributed, and the side overall found it easier to regain momentum than teams sometimes do in these circumstances.

Gatting had one of those days when he was constantly in the match, in both good and unfortunate respects. He finished with four wickets, but missed four hard catches. His medium pace, though, moved about under the clouds: three good catches helped him claim wickets, and the other came first ball after lunch when he trapped Alan Wells leg-before with one which scuttled through low.

Mendis, at the start, was held by the wicketkeeper from a rebound off Gatting's chest at second slip, to give Cowans his only reward for some fine bowling. Parker stayed 25 overs without timing the ball in his best manner. When Parker was caught at square leg from the last ball of the thirtieth over, Sussex were 108 for three. Colin Wells, who twice survived slip chances, drove well before he was also caught at square leg. Greig was held at extra cover and after lunch, Sussex lost five wickets in 47 balls.

Middlesex made a wobbly start with Barlow caught behind driving and Slack beaten by inswing as he played back.

SUSSEX:

G D Mendis c Downton b Cowans	23
*J R T Barclay c Barlow b Daniel	15
P W G Parker c Hughes b Williams	38
C M Wells c sub b Gatting	45
A P Wells l-b-w b Gatting	20
I A Greig c Emburey b Gatting	13
†I J Gould l-b-w b Daniel	7
G S le Roux c Slack b Gatting	8
C P Phillipson c and b Daniel	13
D A Reeve run out	16
C E Waller not out	0
Extras (l-b 8, w 7, n-b 3)	18
Total (54.5 overs)	214

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–19, 2–51, 3–108, 4–138, 5–159, 6–168, 7–172, 8–187, 9–209, 10–214.

BOWLING: Daniel 9.5-1-35-3; Cowans 8-1-21-1; Hughes 9-0-43-0; Williams 7-0-22-1; Emburey 11-3-26-0; Gatting 10-0-49-4.

MIDDLESEX

G D Barlow c Gould b le Roux	5
W N Slack l-b-w b Reeve	12
*M W Gatting c Parker b le Roux	29
K P Tomlins l-b-w b Greig	9
C T Radley not out	65
J E Emburey c Mendis by Barclay	48
†P R Downton c Phillipson b Reeve	28
N F Williams c Gould b le Roux	2
S P Hughes run out	0
W W Daniel not out	5
Extras (b 1, l-b 11, w 5)	17
Total (8 wkts, 52.4 overs)	215

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–11, 2–24, 3–31, 4–61, 5–149, 6–191, 7–201, 8–204.

BOWLING: le Roux 10–2–40–3; Reeve 9.4–0–31–2; Greig 11–0–44–1; C M Wells 11–0–41–0; Waller 5–0–21–0; Barclay 6–0–21–1.

Umpires: A Jepson and K E Palmer.

Turner gets into his swing

CHELMSFORD: Essex (2pts) beat Surrey by six wickets

Essex, last season's losing Benson and Hedges Cup finalists, made virtually certain yesterday of qualifying from their group in this year's competition.

They overhauled Surrey's score of 150 with nearly 16 overs to spare, having been given a fine start by Gooch and Gladwin in an opening partnership of 66 in 17 overs.

Gladwin looked particularly impressive, hitting five crisp boundaries while making 41, and on his departure McEwan speeded Essex to victory with an unbeaten 49 which contained seven boundaries.

But it was Turner, aged 40, who collected the game's Gold Award. His efforts earlier in the day brought him figures of three for 17 from 11 overs. His ability to swing the ball had all the Surrey batsmen in difficulties.

Turner received good support from Pringle, who continued his fine start to the season by claiming three for 25 from 10 overs. Surrey's top scorer was Richards, with 25.

SURREY:

*A R Butcher c and b Turner	10
D B Pauline c East b Gooch	19
R D V Knight b Turner	23
M A Lynch c East b Pringle	0
A J Stewart b Foster	5
A Needham c McEwan b Turner	20
†C J Richards c and b Acfield	25
M A Feltham c East b Pringle	4
S T Clarke l-b-w b Lever	17
G Monkhouse not out	4
P I Pocock l-b-w b Pringle	0
Extras (b 4, w 12, n-b 7)	23
Total (50 overs)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–31, 2–38, 3–48, 4–58, 5–82, 6–118, 7–119, 8–144, 9–144, 10–150.

BOWLING: Lever 11-4-18-1; Foster 9-1-33-1; Turner 11-3-17-3; Gooch 4-0-11-1; Pringle 10-4-25-3; Acfield 5-1-23-1

ESSEX

G A Gooch lbw b Knight	29
C Gladwin b Clarke	41
*K W R Fletcher c Knight b Clarke	1
K S McEwan not out	49
D R Pringle b Monkhouse	11
B R Hardie not out	14
Extras (l-b 2, w 1, n-b 4)	7
Total (4 wkts, 39.3 overs)	152

S Turner, †D E East, N A Foster, J K Lever and D L Acfield did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–66, 2–67, 3–78, 4–105.

BOWLING: Clarke 10-4-25-2; Feltham 8-1-36-0; Knight 8-2-19-1; Monkhouse 9-1-49-1; Pocock 4-0-12-0; Butcher 0.3-0-4-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater.

Benson and Hedges Cup standings

GROUP C:

	P	W	L	Pts
Kent	3	2	1	4
Somerset	3	2	1	4
Middlesex	2	1	1	2
Sussex	2	1	1	2
Glamorgan	2	0	2	0

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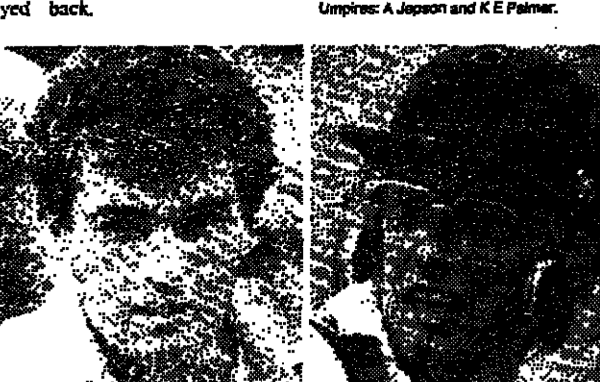
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Essex	2	2	0	4
Hampshire	2	1	1	2
Surrey	2	1	1	2
Gloucestershire	3	1	2	2
Combined Universities	3	1	2	2

Gold award winners

CHELMSFORD: S Turner (Essex)
CANTERBURY: M D Crowe (Somerset)
LORD'S: C T Radley (Middlesex)

SECOND ELEVEN

MAIDSTONE: Kent 233 for 5 (S Goldsmith 62) v Surrey.
STRATFORD: Warwickshire 180 for 8 (R I H B Dyer 78) v Gloucestershire.
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire 214 (I S Anderson 65, K Brooks 54, P W Jarvis 4 for 67). Yorkshire 116 for 2 (P Robinson 64 not out).


Crowe (left) and Rose: thorns in Kent's side

Somerset scrape home after looking secure

By Marcus Williams

CANTERBURY: Somerset (2 pts) beat Kent by two wickets.

Somerset defeated Kent with only two balls to spare after a third-wicket stand of 88 in 34 overs between Rose, top scorer with 61, and Crowe, the gold award winner, had seemingly put them on course for a comfortable victory on a day overcast throughout. It was Kent's first defeat in three Benson and Hedges matches this season and leaves group C wide open.

With six runs needed off the last over by Jarvis, Marks drove the first ball through extra cover for four, but was caught off the next at mid-wicket. A leg-bye was scrambled from the third ball before Gard turned the winning run through leg side.

Kent's innings never really got going. They were pegged back at the start by good bowling from Botham and the left-arm Davis and through Woolmer and Aslett initiated a recovery, the last six wickets added only 47 runs.

Taylor fell to the tenth ball of the day, caught at second slip off the outside edge, in the early overs the bat was repeatedly beaten. The total was 16 in the thirteenth over when Tavaré, pushing forward, played on to Botham.

The third-wicket partnership between Woolmer and Aslett was worth 59 in 17 overs as the batsmen gained a brief ascendancy before Dredge brought one back sharply to bowl Woolmer off his pad. Crowe, who replaced Dredge, began inauspiciously with a wide but his next ball removed Johnson and in a tidy spell of medium pace he picked up three more wickets, as well as running out Knott.

The closing stages of the innings were enlivened by a magnificent one-handed catch by Rose at short extra cover to account for Aslett.

The Kent score assumed a healthier complexion when Jarvis sent back both openers in his first four overs, but Rose countered by hitting Alderman for two successive fours and throwing his bat at anything pitched up. Crowe was a willing partner, but in deteriorating light Ellison and Underwood slowed the scoring rate: the second 50 took 23 overs as opposed to 16 for the first.

Underwood broke through by having Crowe, sweeping, caught round the corner and in his final over Botham, after a huge six off Alderman to mid-wicket, holed out to long-on. Somerset required 34 off the last 10 overs as it became ever dingier, and in the second of them Rose was bowled by the recalled Jarvis, leaving the outcome in the balance.

KENT:

R A Woolmer b Dredge	34
N R Taylor c Botham b Davis	0
*C J Tavaré b Botham	3
D G Aslett c Rose b Crowe	46
G W Johnson l-b-w b Crowe	3
R M Ellison c Gard b Crowe	19
†A P E Knott run out	7
C Penn run out	17
D L Underwood b Crowe	10
T M Alderman c Gard b Botham	0
K B S Jarvis not out	1
Extras (b 1, l-b 13, w 6)	20
Total (55 overs)	160

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2, 2–16, 3–75, 4–86, 5–113, 6–121, 7–129, 8–158, 9–159, 10–160.

BOWLING: Botham 11–3–20–2; Davis 10–2–17–1; Palmer 6–1–21–0; Dredge 7–1–21–1; Marks 11–1–37–0; Crowe 10–1–24–4.

Somerset

P W Denning lbw b Jarvis	6
P M Roebuck lbw b Jarvis	0
B C Rose b Jarvis	61
M D Crowe c Alderman b Underwood	41
*I T Botham c Taylor b Underwood	9
V J Marks c Woolmer b Jarvis	18
N F M Popplewell b Alderman	9
M R Davis lbw b Alderman	2
†T Gard not out	2
C H Dredge not out	0
Extras (lb5, w1, nb4)	10
Total (8 wkts, 54.4 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–3, 2–19, 3–107, 4–127, 5–130, 6–145, 7–153, 8–159.

BOWLING: Jarvis 10.4-2-38-4; Alderman 11-1-38-2; Ellison 11-2-25-0; Woolmer 4-0-9-0; Underwood 11-4-21-2; Penn 7-0-19-0.

Umpires: N. T. Plews and R A White.

Willis build-up continues

England's captain, Bob Willis, continues his comeback by leading Warwickshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup match at Northampton today. Willis, who took one for 24 in 11 overs against Yorkshire on Tuesday, said he was "pleasantly surprised" at his form in his first match since an illness forced him to fly home early from England's tour of Pakistan.

Willis's successful return is encouraging for the England selectors as they wait to announce the captain for the one-day series against the West Indies. The Warwickshire captain hopes to play in six matches – four one-day competitions and two championship games – before the internationals begin.

Northamptonshire have Williams back after missing Tuesday's six-wicket defeat by Leicestershire with pulled muscles in his side.

Lancashire have called up the Cambridge University Blue, Varey, for their game against Worcestershire at Old Trafford. Varey will play his first senior game for Lancashire if Ormrod, fails a late-fitness test.

RUGBY UNION

England 'dwarfs' to make sparks fly

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Durban

England will announce the team to play a Currie Cup B selection in Durban on Saturday, the first match of their South African tour, after training this morning, but it is unlikely to include their most experienced front row forward, Philip Blakeway, the Gloucester prop. Blakeway has a bruised foot, which, although it did not prevent him from training before the team left London, is still causing a degree of discomfort.

Blakeway nevertheless played a most active part in the first training session of the tour, at the King's Park Stadium here, where Saturday's match will be played. It was primarily a loosening session for the players to ease the cramp of travel from their bones after a 16-hour flight which included a stop-over in Johannesburg before arrival at Durban's Louis Botha Airport.

They were met in Johannesburg by Danie Craven, president of the South Africa Rugby Board, and other leading officials, and received a quiet but appreciative welcome. Their greeting in Natal was warm in another way: the local berg wind was blowing, bringing a close, clammy heat, which is due to be followed by rain.

This made training a sticky affair in a stadium which is in the process of being re-shaped. The main stand is to be rebuilt at a cost of nearly £5m. to accommodate 20,000 people instead of the present 3,000. It is hoped the programme will be complete by next May, when the ground capacity will be 45,000; the expected crowd for England's game this weeek is 27,000.

The first formal press conference of the tour produced the anticipated humorous turn of phrase from Richard Greenwood, England's coach. It was suggested that the physique of the English forwards did not match up to their likely South African opponents. "We have worked hard on our mobility, which has not always been a characteristic of English sides", Greenwood said. "When we set our agitated dwarfs against the Springboks, sparks might fly."

While not the most apposite of phrases when one thinks of such hefty individuals as John Fidler and David Cusani, the England locks, the point was well made, for South Africa's pack will be filled with very tall players.

The two international matches, at Port Elizabeth and Johannesburg, will be refereed by René Hourquet, of France while the remaining five matches will be handled by a panel of five South African referees

The team selectors for the tour will be Derek Morgan, the team manager, Greenwood and John Scott, the captain.

Scott expressed the hope that his side would do the basics well. In that respect they will be assisted in having had three training sessions together in England and three more in South Africa, while the Currie Cup selection – four from Natal and from Griqualand West, three from Boland, two from Eastern Transvaal, come together under the guidance of Hannes Marais, the former Springbok prop, for the first time tomorrow.

Scotland's late win

From Iain Mackenzie
Constanta

South East Romania	18
Scotland	28

Scotland just managed to win the second match of their short tour behind the Iron Curtain, after trailing 15-3 at the interval.

Scotland started well in front of a crowd of only 2,000. Gala's Peter Dods put over a penalty kick in the third minute, but Teodor Coman brought the scores level with a short range penalty.

The Romanians took the lead when their fullback Ion Vasile kicked a 50 metres penalty goal. He then saved his side with a well held mark

Then a dart up the left wing by Constantin Forin almost led to a try but Tukalo produced a great late tackle.

The home team went further ahead before half time when Csoma Alexandru scored two dropped goals and Campare kicked a penalty goal.

The Scots pulled back with a dropped goal by Renwick, two penalty goals from Dods and a try by Steven.

Dods put the Scots ahead with another penalty goal but with only three minutes to go Alexandru restored the Romanians' lead with his third dropped goal.

The Scots came back to clinch victory with two more penalties by Dods and a try by Rutherford which the Gala man converted.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Rutherford, Steven. Conversion: Dods. Penalty goals: Dods 4. Dropped goals: Dods, Renwick. South East Romania: Dropped goals: Alexandru (3). Penalty goals: Coman, Vasile, Capmare 1.

GOLF

Visit to the Palace will help Faldo

From Mitchell Platts
Paris

The problem facing Nick Faldo in the first round of the French Open, which starts here today, is not so much his having to return this evening to London to meet the Queen, but his ability to maintain his golf at the highest level.

Faldo has taken only a couple of weeks' break so far this year, and in spite of his continuing success there must be a question mark regarding his concentration. So the reception that he will be attending at Buckingham Palace, before flying back to Paris in the morning for the second round, could prove to be advantageous as it will at least provide a natural diversion from his usual duties.

Faldo, partnered by the French rugby international Jean-Pierre Rives in the pro-am yesterday, says: "I've never left a tournament in this manner before. But I'm really looking forward to going to the Palace. There should not be any problem as I'm booked on the first flight back to Paris in the morning."

Faldo has no intention of relinquishing this title and he is well aware that if he can make a successful defence on the St Cloud course he will have the prospect of completing a unique treble in the PGA championship at Wentworth next week.

Last year Faldo returned from the United States and won three consecutive tournaments. Now, following his win in the Car Care Plan international on Sunday, his ambition is to emulate that performance. Clearly, he must start a firm favourite, although Sandy Lyle is adamant that he is ready to relieve Faldo of the zfrench Open title, having recovered from the food poisoning which weakened his golf during the last round at Leeds.

Lyle began his European campaign two weeks ago by winning the Italian Open, and he insists that he has worked overtime during the winter with the intention of regaining the number one position on the circuit. The loss of more than a stone in weight through regular road-running certainly reflects his determination to be in peak condition.

O'Connor stays to defend title

By John Hennessy

Christy O'Connor, at 59 a legend among professional golfers, has chosen to be at Stratford-on-Avon this week rather than in Texas. He had been invited to Doug Sanders's Seniors tournament after winning £7,500 prize money in two previous American events, but he felt a duty to defend the PGA Seniors championship, sponsored by Trust House Forte. Duty aside, he might jealously regard it almost as his own personal property, having won the title six times out of eight.

He came off the 18th green yesterday in his usual affable spirits, a complex assembly of aches and pains, it seems, "but you have to forget about that". The course, meeting the demands of ageing flesh, is flat and playing shorter than its 6,309 yards (the two halves reversing as the ninth offers a better grandstand finish than the 18th), but the elusiveness of the green and their inevitable lack of condition after a dry spring will surely stretch the scores.

They are not receptive to the pitch shot, and the approaches to the greens, to say nothing of the putting, will require wily precision, which would seem to lie at the heart of O'Connor's game, which is based upon a remarkable natural aptitude.

Of the new generation of seniors, those who have passed 50 in the last year, David Snell seems likely to pose the greatest threat to the old war horse. He brings with him the record of a former PGA Match-Play champion, which may not strongly compete with O'Connor's comprehensive record, but the decade or so between their birth certificates should be worth a stroke or two.

Miss Walker establishes narrow lead

Mickey Walker scored a two under par 71 on the second day of the Ulster Classic, sponsored by Volkswagen, at Belvoir Park, Belfast, yesterday, to take a one-stroke lead into today's final round with a two round aggregate of 144 (George Ace writes).

Miss Walker seond in the WPGA Order of Merit las season with touramen winnings of £7,827, lead Peg Conley of America, who returned a level par 73, and Muriel Thompson of Scotland, who scored 71.

Dale Reid, of Scotland, and Frederica Dassu of Italy were one stroke further back on 146.

Miss Walker reached the turn in 35, one under par. She dropped a stroke at the 13th, where her drive found a bunker, but had her fourth birdie of the round at the 453-yards 15th.

LEADING SCORES: 144: M Walker (Ely City) 73, 71; 145: M Conley (US) 72, 73; M Thompson (Aberdeen) 74, 71; 146: D Reid (Ladybank) 71, 75; F Dassu (It) 75, 71; 147: C Sharp (Colchester) 74, 73; B Boozer (US) 73, 74.

● The Monmouthshire Club, from Abergavenny, won the Welsh Women's team championship for the second time in five years at Newport yesterday when they beat Bargoed, the favourites, 3-2 in the 18-hole final.

Results: Semi-finals: Monmouthshire bt Wenvoe Castle 4-1; Bargoed bt Newport 3-2. Final: Monmouthshire bt Bargoed 3-2.

Trophies pile up for Miss Stewart

As the first of 42 qualifiers for the match-play stages of the Scottish women's championship, Gillian Stewart left Royal Dornoch last night with no fewer than eight trophies clattering in her car boot (Lewine Mair writes).

Her record-breaking qualifying tally of 145, comprising rounds of 73 and 72 against the par of 76, alters her handicap to plus two and left her six shots clear of Belle Robertson.

If she is to increase her haul of trophies to nine, Miss Stewart, who won the championship at the last time of asking, must make her way through five rounds of match-play including a 36-hole final on Saturday.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 145: G Stewart (Inverness) 73, 72. 151: I Robertson (Dunaverty) 76, 75. 152: C Middleton (Gullane) 75, 77. 155: W Aitken (Old Ranfurly) 80, 75. 157: M Ferguson (Gullane) 80, 77.

Jean Anderson dies suddenly

Jean Anderson, the former triple Scottish champion and Curtis Cup player, died suddenly yesterday morning on her way to play a round of golf at Gullane (Lewine Mair writes).

Born in Gullane on May 2, 1921, Mrs Anderson, née Donald, won the French championships in 1947 and was runner-up to Louise Suggs in the British finals of 1948.

Four times a winner of the Sunningdale Foursomes, twice with Tom Haliburton and twice with Peter Alliss, she was a member of the Great Britain and Ireland side which defeated the United States at Muirfield in 1952.

In 1982 she was among a contingent of former Curtis Cup players who went to Denver for the match's fiftieth anniversary celebrations.

FOOTBALL: INTERNATIONAL SQUADS ARE AFFECTED BY INJURIES AND WITHDRAWALS

Brock back in England's six under-21 team changes

Kevin Brock, one of the outstanding figures in Oxford's successes this season, has been given another chance to show off his talent at international level. He is one of six changes in the England team for tonight's European under-21 championship final first leg against Spain in Seville.

The teams

SPAIN (Probable): A Zubizarreta; P Salinas, M Sanchis, M Angel, E Ramos, M Gonzalez, R Ferdandez, F Lopez, R Marina, E Butragueno, M Rodriguez.

ENGLAND: P Hucker (QPR); M Sterland (Sheffield Wednesday), D Thomas (Tottenham), D Watson (Norwich), G Stevens (Tottenham), P Bracewell (Everton), S Hodge (Nottingham Forest), H Gayle (Birmingham), K Brock (Oxford), M Chamberlain (Stoke), M Hateley (Portsmouth).

Brock made an impressive debut in the first leg of the semi-final against Italy, but was not selected for the return. Club calls and injuries again have deprived England's team manager, Dave Sexton, of several first choice players, but he will have no fears about recalling Brock.

The Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper Peter Hucker and the Birmingham forward Howard Gayle, who like Brock won their first caps in the 3-1 defeat of Italy at Maine Road, also are brought back. Danny Thomas, of Tottenham, a member of the team which won the under-21 championship two years ago, is preferred to Sunderland's Nick Pickering at left back. Hucker wins his second cap as Bailey is involved with Manchester United.

In the absence of the injured Tommy Caton, Thomas's club-mate Gary Stevens will team up with Norwich's Dave Watson in the centre of the defence. The Spurs pair will be hoping they can help England into a winning position because they will not be available for the second leg at Bramall Lane next Thursday. They will be playing for their club in the UEFA Cup final return against Anderlecht the previous night.

Although Paul Walsh, of Luton, withdrew from the squad because transfer speculation had affected his form, there were no such problems for Paul Bracewell. He agreed to move from Sunderland to Everton on Tuesday night in a £250,000 deal but maintains his record of playing in every game since the present under-21 championship began in September 1982.





Recalled: Brock (left) and Hucker return to face Spaniards in Seville.

Sexton has not yet decided who will take over from Caton as team captain.

Forwards Mark Chamberlain (Stoke), who already has two full caps, and the uncapped Mark Hateley (Portsmouth) have the chance to impress the England manager, Bobby Robson, who has them both pencilled in for the three-match tour of South America.

Spain's youngsters, who comfortably ousted Yugoslavia in the semi-final, will be attempting to win their first European under-21 final and their manager, Luis Suarez, is fielding Real Madrid's prodigy Emilio Butragueno, aged 20, whose shy and retiring manner off the field belies his deft ball skills and deadly goal-scoring ability.

Appleton is appointed manager at Swansea

Colin Appleton, who resigned as manager of Hull City on Tuesday night after they had failed by one goal to gain promotion at Burnley, has been appointed manager of Swansea City, themselves relegated to the third division this season.

Appleton, aged 46, had talks with Doug Sharpe, the Swansea chairman, over the weekend and took up his new post yesterday lunchtime. He has signed a two-year contract.

Best remembered as a wing half for Leicester City, and a former manager of non-league Scarborough, Appleton nearly joined Swansea after John Toshack resigned shortly before Christmas. He decided to stay at Hull to try and win promotion to the second division, following his success the previous season in taking the Humberside club out of the fourth.

However, Appleton said yesterday: "Going up would not have made any difference to my decision. I had already made up my mind to leave, but because of the importance of the match at Burnley I obviously could not say anything sooner.

Appleton, who joined Hull two years ago when they were in deep financial trouble, has worked at Boothferry Park this season knowing there would be no money to spend on players, regardless of whether the club achieved promotion. He walks into a similar situation at the Vetch Field, with exactly the same boardroom message as a greeting.

"I am quite aware of Swansea's circumstances," he said yesterday. "It is a situation I am very familiar with. But from my career point of view the time was right for a move. During the last seven days, Swansea have convinced me that this the place to be."

Appleton will watch his new players in action for the first time in a practice game today, before the club's retaied list is announced.

Hull's failure on Tuesday to score the three-goal victory they needed to clinch promotion means that both Sheffield clubs will be playing a higher grade of League football next season.

Sheffield United supporters were put through an agonizing last 25 minutes at Turf Moor after Brian Marwood had given Hull a 2-0 lead. But despite indentical goal differences, United pipped Hull to promotion by virtue of having scored more goals. They return to the second division after an absence of five years, while Sheffield Wednesday are back in the first division after 14 years.

At the other end of the third division, there was more on Tuesday night when Scunthorpe United's tall order for a win by seven goals remained anchored in the realms of fantasy – they went down by three goals at Rotherham United.

On the same night Wrexham gained the point they needed to keep alive their hopes of finishing out of the bottom four of the fourth division with a 1-1 draw at Crew Alexandra.

Tuesday's results

FIRST DIVISION: Liverpool 1, Norwich City 1.
THIRD DIVISION: Burnley 0, Hull City 2; Rotherham United 3, Scunthorpe United 0.
FOURTH DIVISION: Crewe Alexandra 1, Wrexham 1; Doncaster Rovers 0, Hartlepool United 1; Darlington 2, Blackpool 0.
FA TROPHY: Final: Replay: Bangor City 1, Northwich Victoria 2.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton 2, Stoke 5. Second division: Wigan 1, Port Vale 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton v Fulham (postponed); Crystal Palace 3, Birmingham 1; Tottenham 1, Ipswich 2.
MIDWEEK LEAGUE CUP: Portsmouth 4, Southend 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Finland 1, Soviet Union 3.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Final: Second leg: Norwich 1, Arsenal 4 (Arsenal win 6-3 on aggregate).
AUSTRIAN CUP: Final, second leg: Rapid Vienna 2, Austria Vienna 0, agg 3-3; Rapid win on away goal.
FRENCH LEAGE: First leg play-off for promotion/relegation: RC Paris 0, Saint-Etienne 0.
SWISS LEAGUE: Aarau 1, Servette 2; Bellinzona 4, Chiasso 1; Lucerne 1, Sion 1; Neuchatel Xamax 2, Grasshoppers 0; St Gallen 1, Wettingen 0; Vevey 0, Lausanne 0; Young Boys 2, Basle 0; Zurich 1, La Chaux de Fonds 1.

BOXING

Jones to warm up against American

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Colin Jones, who was to have been Sugar Ray Leonard's next opponent had the former double world champion not retired last week for good and all, is pressing hard for a third tilt at Milton McCrory's world welterweight title. Jones, as the world No 1 contender, can rightly expect McCrory to sign on the dotted line soon, especially as the American has had two voluntary defences. Jones has already settled on an opponent for a warm-up bout. He will meet Billy Parks of Denver at the Afan Lido, Aberavon, on June 13.

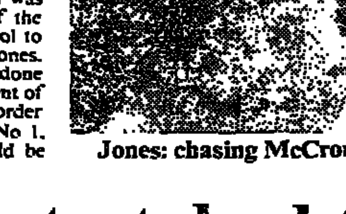
Jones's manager, Eddie Thomas, said yesterday: "We had an agreement that Colin would be Leonard's next opponent. It would not have been for the one million I have seen reported, but it would not have been far off that figure. Colin can expect a six-figure sum when he meets McCrory.

"In the meantime he will stay in shape with a fight with Billy Parks. He is like Colin's last opponent, Alan Braswell, and in the same physical mould as McCrory

But the Merthyr mine owner was not happy with the efforts of the British Boxing Board of Control to secure the world title bout for Jones. "I don't think the board have done half enough to press the president of the World Boxing Council to order McCrory to defend. Colin is No 1, after all, and the board should be doing everything in their power to get him McCrory."

Frank Warren, who will be putting on the Afan Lido show together with Thomas, has also offered £60,000 to stage Tony Sibson's European title defence against Mark Kaylor in September. Sibson's share will be £35,000 and Kaylor's £25,000. The offer shows that the Bloomsbury-based promoter is confident that the contest has not lost its drawing power in spite of Kaylor's seventh-round defeat last Sunday.





Jones: chasing McCrory

Title contest doubt

New York (Reuter) – Next month's heavyweight title bout between Larry Holmes of the United States and Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa, was threatened with cancellation yesterday when the chief financial backer pulled out.

A Dallas-based television network, JPD Sports, who were promoting the bout together with Caesar's Palace, have withdrawn from the promotion. A group of California businessmen are expected to step into the breach and the contest may go on as scheduled in Las Vegas on June 8. The new group, headed by a man identified as Dr Edward McDonald, have deposited a letter of credit for $16m.

Sources said that JPD Sports, who were making their first venture into boxing, had failed to come up with sufficient funds for their share of the promotion and had been forced to step aside. Holmes has been guaranteed $8m and Coetzee $3m.

If the contest takes place, Holmes will be defending his International Boxing Federation (IBF) title for the first time after relinquishing the World Boxing Council (WBC) crown he held for seven years.

● The WBC president José Sulaiman, has said he would not recommend use of the thumbless gloves put to the test in the welterweight bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Kevin Howard last Friday. Sulaiman said that Leonard had damaged his hands and wrists during the contest. He said that both he and Leonard agreed that thumbless gloves would help make head-blows cleaner and reduce the injury risk in clinches but more research was needed on the design.

BASKETBALL

Britain on the buzzer

From Robert Pryce, Grenoble

A whirlpool of joy in the cavernous Palais des Sports on Tuesday night greeted the first shock victory of the Olympic qualifying tournament – and it was British. The team that their coach, Tom Schneeman, calls "embryonic" had just upset the Netherlands, who finished fourth in the European Championships last year, with a shot on the final buzzer.

The Dutch were stunned. They had led 71-68, held possession for almost all of the last two minutes, then fell to two jump shots from Johnson in the last 14 seconds.

The pace picked up midway through the second half, when a nine-point burst put Britain in the lead for the first time at 58-55. Plaat, tormenting Tatham, shot the Dutch back into the lead. They held possession in the face of some desperate fouls, but a missed shot gave the British the ball with 20 seconds to go. Johnson's 20-foot shot went in, then Cramer gave away possession on the halfway line and Johnson shot his last second winner.

BRITAIN: Spaid 20, Johnson 18, Way 11, Hadwen 10, Balogun 6, Tatham 3, Samson 2, Archibald 2.
NETHERLANDS: Plaat 22, Cramer 10, Akerboom 9, Faber 8, Kuipers 14, Esveldt 3.

Group A: Spain 111, Turkey 74, Greece 95, Switzerland 77. Group B: USSR 111, Finland 88, Sweden 95, Ireland 51 (Corcoran 12, Wilkinson 8, Boylan 8, McCarthy 6, Woods 6, McKeown 4, Edgar 3, Hickey 2, O'Connor 2). Group C: France 111, Belgium 105 (double overtime). West Germany 88, Austria 65. Group D: Israel 76, Bulgaria 69, Britain 72, Netherlands 71.
SAO PAULO: Olympic qualifying tournament: Canada 101, Mexico 72; Brazil 93, Uruguay 76; Cuba 100, Dominican Republic 92; Panama 83, Argentina 77.
HAVANA: Women's Olympic qualifying tournaments: Cuba 65, China 73; Yugoslavia 70, Australia 54; Canada 71, Czechoslovakia 58; Hungary 66, South Korea 63; Cuba 67, Australia 65; Yugoslavia 74, South Korea 61; Hungary 72, Czechoslovakia 69; Canada 82, China 69. China and Yugoslavia qualify.

Bardsley proves his fitness for Wembley

David Bardsley successfully came through his run-out with Watford reserves at Vicarage Road yesterday to strengthen his claim to the right back position for Saturday's FA Cup final against Everton at Wembley.

Bardsley, aged 19, played yesterday at left back while Gibbs, another contender for a Wembley place, was at right back until half-time when he was replaced by Rice, the former Arsenal captain.

Watford won the game 4-0 against Brighton to finish the season as runners-up in the Football Combination – their best performance in the competition.

Les Taylor will know within the next 24 hours whether he is to become Watford's captain against Everton. Taylor will be handed the honour if Bardsley plays. "Being captain at Wembley would be a great honour and a very proud moment for me," he said.

Taylor hopes the appointment, if it comes, will prove third time lucky. "I've led Watford twice before and both times we were defeated very heavily," he recalled. "We lost 6-1 at Norwich and 5-1 at Nottingham Forest.

● Manchester City yesterday signed a two-year sponsorship deal with the Dutch electrical firm, Philips Appliances, valued at £250,000. City's chairman, Peter Swales, said: "All the money will go to the manager towards strengthening the team in a promotion drive for next season." The main part of the sponsorship involves City wearing the firm's name on their shirts and plans also include them playing PSV Eindhoven, who began as Philips Factory Club in the Netherlands before becoming one of the country's top teams.

The Victoria line

By Paul Newman

Northwich Victoria's 2-1 success over Bangor City in the FA Trophy final replay at Stoke on Tuesday night completed a remarkable three years for them in the competition. In the two previous seasons Northwich had lost in the semi-finals and then the final itself, and now they have finally won the Trophy for the first time in their history.

Much of the credit for Northwich's success must go to John King, their manager, who has been at the club nearly three years. King, who managed Tranmere Rovers for six seasons and still has ambitions to return to professional football, has assembled a powerful squad of players who have remained loyal to him at a time when the club have been in turmoil off the field because of financial problems. Earlier this season Northwich had to appear in the High Court because of debts of more than £40,000 and were only saved from closure by a late surge of financial support

Tuesday's result rounded off a generally dismal season for Bangor. The Welsh club have also been to court to face a winding-up order, this season, because of debts to the Inland Revenue, and have been relegated from the Alliance Premier League to the Northern Premier

● Corinthian-Casuals have found a permanent home for the first time in more than 100 years.

The Isthmian League second division club, who have spent their centenary season playing at East Molesey, will move to the Wimbledon Park athletics stadium

Statham pulls out of squad

The West Bromwich defender, Derek Statham, whose career has been doigged by injuries, has had to pull out of the England squad for the games against Scotland and Russia, only 24 hours after the squad was announced.

Statham may have a recurrence of the pelvic injury which sidelined him for the first seven months of the season and has been advised to rest after an exploratory operation.

The left back, capped three times, said: "It was the worst possible news I could have had. When I was told I was in the squad I knew I had a good chance of staking a claim for a place in the side, but now these hopes have been ruined for the time being."

Throughout his eight-year career at The Hawthorns, Statham has run into one injury crisis after another and has never completed a full season.

John Gregory, the versatile Queen's Park Rangers player, is having intensive treatment in a bid to get fit for England's five internationals in the next month.

Gregory has a groin strain received in the last match of the season, a 3-1 defeat at Everton.

The Arsenal forward, Tony Woodcock, who has a hamstring strain is in light training but might struggle to make the match with Scotland at Hampden Park on May 26. Alvin Martin, the West Ham Centre-half, who missed his club's last four matches after hurting his ankle in England's 1-0 defeat by Wales is still under treatment, but is also in light training.

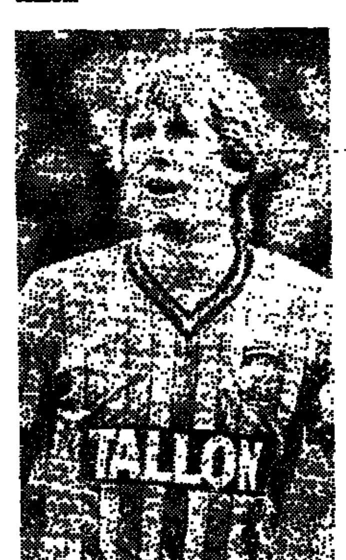
● Cardiff City will not be allowed to stage a World Cup qualifying game in Ninian Park next November unless they ban Rugby League from the ground for the previous three weeks. The Welsh FA have made this a condition for the match with Iceland on November 14.

Tottenham players keep options open

The first job for Tottenham Hotspur's new manager may be to persuade six leading players to stay at White Hart Lane.

Glenn Hoddle, Tony Galvin, Mark Falco, Ally Dick, Paul Miller and Garth Crooks all finish contracts at the end of June and have yet to settle terms on new contracts which have been offered. Their arrangements may not be agreed by the time Keith Burkinshaw steps down as manager at the end of the season.

Paul Price, the centre half recalled to the Wales squad for their recent international against England, has been released by Tottenham. He cost them £250,000 when he came from Luton Town three years ago, but played only five games this season.



Daly: staying at Coventry

Coventry City have given free transfers to eight of their 27 players, but a new contract has been offered to Gerry Daly, who had been linked with Birmingham City. Those released include Sam Allardyce, the team captain, Raddy Avramovic, the Yugoslav international goalkeeper, and Tommy Langley.

Tony Evans and David Giles, Crystal Palace's leading scorers last season, have been given free transfers. Evans, aged 30, scored seven goals in 22 appearances, while Giles, a Welsh international, got five.

Also leaving are two non-contract players, John Phillips, the former Chelsea goalkeeper, and Les Strong, previously with Fulham.

Chelsea, the second division champions, will retain all 28 professionals and four apprentices next season. Clive Walker and John Bumstead are the only senior players yet to sign new contracts.

Millwall have given their captain Dean White, David Stride and Carl Cowley free transfers.

Leeds United are giving a free transfer to Kevin Hird, who cost them £357,000 when they signed him from Blackburn Rovers five years ago.

Eamonn O'Keefe, the Republic of Ireland forward, wants to leave Port Vale following their relegation to the fourth division. The former Everton player, who joined Port Vale last year from Wigan for £10,000, still has more than 12 months to go on a two-year contract.

Tom English is not being retained by Leicester City. The 22-year-old forward arrived from Coventry City in 1982 in exchange for Jim Melrose.

Cardiff City's decision to release Trevor Lee and Martin Goldsmith on free tranfers means the Welsh club are left without a single forward on their books.

EQUESTRIAN

Billington the master of a slippery course

By a Special Correspondent

The slippery going caused some problems in the Radio Rentals Stakes, Shropshire AIT on the first day of the two-day Shropshire and West Midlands Show yesterday. Geoff Glazzard, on Pennwood Saddlery's Pennwood Fleetline, first to jump in the nine-horse barrage, set the target with a faultless round in 38.46sec but there were no more clears until the sixth competitor.

This was Geoff Billington, riding his own and Mrs Cartwright's Lord Lee, and their clear, in 36.93sec, was the winning round, relegating Penwood Saddlery into second place. Third, with four faults in fast time, was D. W. H. Gascoine's Upstream, ridden by Michael Saywell.

RADIO RENTAL STAKES, Shropshire AIT: 1, Lord Lee (G Billington); 2, Pennwood Fleetline (G Glazzard); 3, Upstream (M Saywell).
WATERFORD CRYSTAL CHAMPION HUNTER: South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited's Elite. Reserve champion: Bristow Transport's Super Coin.
CHAMPION HUNTER MARE, IN HAND: miss J V Arden's Crown Aquamarine. Reserve champion: Miss S A Morris and J Hunton's Tara.
CHAMPION HUNTER YEARLING: Miss A Vos's Fire Mountain. Reserve: Mrs H S Jeffs's For Ever Amber.
CHAMPION HUNTER TWO YEAR OLD: Creative TV Workshop's Zeus Reserve: Mrs J M Graham's Northern Lights.
CHAMPION HUNTER THREE YEAR OLD: Mr and Mrs J Rose's Mandator Reserve: R N Olver's The Candyman.
CHAMPION HACK: R A Shuck's Tomadachi. Reserve: Bristow Transport's Brigand.
CHAMPION ARAB: Mrs W Trimingham's Ali Al Said. Reserve: Mr and Mrs Hitchings's Zircon Eclipse.
CHAMPION SHIRE: W H Griffith's Jim's Black Bess. Reserve: Williamson & Sons' Snelson Elizabeth.
PRIVATE RIDING CHAMPION: Swains of Stretton Ltd's Rhos-y-Meirch Flyaway. Reserve: Mrs P Fleming's Cemaes Pandora.

New Pony Club award scheme

A new Pony Club award scheme, sponsored by Jaguar Cars Ltd, was launched yesterday (Jenny MacArthur writes). Major James Pinney, the club chairman, said they hoped it would encourage children to remain in the club – "we lose too many at the 15-16 age group because there are so many other distractions".

The car firm are also helping with the running costs of the 19 area horse trials where riders qualify for the finals at Weston Park in Shropshire from August 22-23.

FOR THE RECORD

REAL TENNIS

HATFIELD: Taylor Cup (junior professional singles championship): First round: P. Brake (Seacourt) bt M. Steele (Leamington) 6-2, 6-1; A. Oliver (Oxford University) bt M. Lacy (Lord's) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; N. Smith (Queen's) bt R. Moyle (Seacourt) 6-1, 6-0; A. Davis (Leamington) bt C. Bray (Cambridge University) 6-5, 6-4. Second round: G. Parsons (unatt) bt Davis 6-4, 6-4; M. Gooding (Troon) bt Smith 6-4, 6-2; Brake bt Oliver 3-6, 6-5, 6-4.

MODERN PENTATHLON

BUDAPEST: International meeting: Shooting: Individual: 1, Zinkovszkij (USSR), 1,110 pts; 2, Szuba (Pol), 1,100; 3, Brookhouse (GB), 1,088. Team: USSR A, 3,264. Cross-country: Individual: 1, Kadlek (Cz), 1,267; 2, Mizer (Hun), 1,261; 3, Olesinski (Pol), 1,249; 9, Hart (GB), 1,198. Team: Poland, 3,603. Final overall standings: Individual: 1, Fabian (Hun), 5,458; 2, Massullo (It) 5,362; 3, Tarev (USSR), 5,353. Team: Hungary B, 15,854.

CYCLING

TASHKENT: Women's 1km (standing start): E Salina (USSR) 1min 10.1sec (world record).
BERLIN-PRAGUE-WARSAW PEACE RACE: Sixth stage: Prague-Mlada Boleslav (88 miles): 1, A Stadler (WG); 2, L Styks (Cz); 3, L Giovenzana (It). GB placings: 19, S Sefton; 36, H Ashworth; 72, A Gornall; 90, I Harris; 96, V Smith; 97, D Smith. Teams: 1, Czechoslovakia; 2, West Germany; 3, Italy. Overall: 1, N Staikov (Bul), 20hr 50min 2sec; 2, P Ugryumov (USSR)20:50:55; 3, O Ludwig (EG) 20:50:55. GB placings: 50, Sefton 21:30:46; 55, Gornall 21:45:14; 73, Ashworth 22:05:01; 75, Harris 22:06:08; 93, Smith 22:57:19; 95, Smith 23:12:16. Overall teams: 1, USSR, 62:33:46; 2, East Germany, 62:34:18; 3, Poland, 62:37:30.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 4, California Angels 1; Boston Red Sox 6, Cleveland Indians 1; New York Yankees 3, Oakland Athletics 1; Chicago White Sox 2, Kansas City Royals 0; Detroit Tigers 7, Seattle Mariners 5. Tuesday's games: Cleveland Indians 7, Boston Red Sox 5; California Angels 5, Baltimore Orioles 2; Detroit Tigers 6, Seattle Mariners 4; New York Yankees 9, Oakland A's 6; Milwaukee Brewers 3, Texas Rangers 2; Toronto Blue Jays 5, Minnesota Twins 2; Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City Royals 2. NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Houston Astros 2; Montreal Expos 7, San Diego Padres 6; Philadelphia Phillies 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 2. Tuesday's games: Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati Reds 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, Houston Astros 2; St Louis Cardinals 8, Atlanta Braves 1; Montreal Expos 8, San Diego Padres 4; Philadelphia Phillies 12, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; New York Mets 7, San Francisco Giants 6.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup Final: Play-off: Edmonton Oilers 7, New York Islanders 2. (Edmonton lead best-of-seven series 2-1).

TENNIS

MUNICH: Bavarian grand prix tournament: First round: H Schwaier (WG) bt F Segarceanu (Rum) 6-3, 7-5; J Becka (WG) bt J Lloyd (GB) 6-4, 6-2; Z Kuharszky (Cz) bt M Bauer (US) 6-2, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt J Cihak (Cz) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt B Mitton (SA) 7-5, 6-1; G Mayer (US) bt Roger-Vasselin (Fr) 6-3, 6-1; R Gehring (WG) bt M Doyle (Ire) 6-1, 6-4; L Pimek (Cz) bt T Smid (Cz) 6-4, 6-4; C Hooper (US) bt B Taroczy (Hun) 6-1, 6-2.
ROME: Italian Open men's championship: First round: Y Noah (Fr) bt J Goes (Br), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; H Sundstrom (Swe) bt I Nastase (Rom), 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; J Aguilera (Sp) bt J Higueras (Sp), 6-4, 6-1; G Ocleppo (It) bt J Avendando (Sp), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; J Arias (US) bt C Motta (Br), 6-2, 6-2; F Cancellotti (It) bt S Giammalva (US), 6-1, 7-6; M Dickson (US) bt T Tulasne (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Leconte (Fr) bt C Castellan (Arg, 6-2, 7-6; H Gunthardt (Swe) bt T Hogstedt (Swe), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4. Second round: J Nystrom (Swe) bt C Berazzutti (It), 6-1, 6-3; Dickson bt Gunthardt, 6-1, 6-3; A Gomez (Ec) bt S Glickstein (Isr), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6; A Jarryd (Swe) bt E Dibbs (US), 6-3, 6-0; Ocleppo bt H Leconte (Fr), 6-4, 6-4; P Slozil (Cz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Best-of-seven semi-finals: Boston Celtics 119, Milwaukee Bucks 96 (Boston lead series, 1-0). Los Angeles Lakers 118, Phoenix Suns 102. (Los Angeles lead series, 2-0).

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Watford 4, Brighton 0.

FOOTBALL: Mike Bamber, the Brighton chairman, who collapsed with a suspected heart attack last month, is back in hospital for tests. Bamber, aged 52, was advised not to travel to Newcastle for last Saturday's final match of the season.

Northampton Town have given free transfers to Terry Austin, Tommy O'Neill, Billy Jeffrey, Barry Tucker, Dave Syrett and Martyn Forster.

Gillingham have decided not to sign the Peterborough forward Colin Clarke

YACHTING

Cup date criticized

Perth (AFP). – A leading Western Australian yachtsman has strongly criticized a proposal to sail the 1986/87 America's Cup series over the summer months. "It's madness sailing the elimination races in December and January and the finals in the first weeks or so of February," Brian Leary said here yesterday.

Mr Leary, who was involved with the millionaire businessman Alan Bond's 1974 Newport challenge for the cup, said that the Royal Perth Yacht Club's America's Cup committee was showing no consideration to the public or visitors, who would see the waters off Fremantle, where the races will take place, "at their worst".

● Perth (AFP) – Sweden and Japan were accepted yesterday as challengers for the America's Cup series here. The two late entries bring the number of foreign teams entering for the event to a record 25. The Swedish challenge is headed by Pelle Petterson, who controlled the 1977 and 1980 campaigns with Sverige. The Japanese entry, the country's first in the series, is from the Tokyo Ocean Yacht Club.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lydon the one to watch in Australia

Darwin, Australia (Reuter). – Joe Lydon, outstanding for Widnes in the Challenge Cup final 12 days ago, is the target of Australian talent scouts as the British team prepare to open their tour this weekend. Lydon, who scored two tries from 70 yards in the victory over Wigan at Wembley, switched from union to league only two seasons ago.

The first match is against Darwin on Sunday and Lydon, aged 21, said: "I'll just be having a look around and see for myself how the big clubs in Sydney operate. I've heard a lot of good things and bad things about them, but I prefer to make up my own mind.

He had no trouble adapting to the professional game after a brief rugby union career which saw him capped nine times for England Schoolboys. League is a much faster game, but not too much different for the backs. I was lucky going to such a great club like Widnes, because its coaching staff are the best, he added.

He won the Lance Todd Trophy for man of the match at Wembley and was later named British player of the year and young player of the year. Wembley was by far my greatest moment, he said. It was the greatest game I've ever played and my biggest thrill in rugby league.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
UEFA Under-21 Championship
Final, First-leg
Spain v England (at Seville, 8.0)
First division
Notts County v Southampton (7.30)
Associate Members' Cup
Semi-final (South)
Plymouth Argyle v Millwall (7.30)
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Wigan v Wolves (7.0)
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Millwall v Birmingham (2.0)
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Norwich v Queen's Park Rangers (at Carrow Road, 6.0).

OTHER SPORT
TENNIS: Men's Callenger Series and Women's Authorized Tournaments (at Lee-on-Solent)
REAL TENNIS: British Professional Singles Championchip (at Hatfield House Tennis Club, 9.0).

CYCLING: Francesco Moser, at 33, begins what almost certainly is his last chance of winning the Tour of Italy with an individual time-trial in Lucques today (AFP reports).

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd's decision on citizenship is reversible

By Pat Butcher

Zola Budd's renunciation of South African citizenship is reversible, "at the discretion of the Minister for Internal Affairs", according to a spokesman for the South African consulate in London yesterday.

Ruth Smeeth, one of the athletes threatened by Miss Budd's participation in the forthcoming Olympic 3,000 metres trial, says in Thames Television's TV Eye programme this evening that Miss Budd "is not really British until she has served an apprenticeship".

● The date of next month's fixture between Loughborough Students and the Amateur Athletic Association, largely organized by Sebastian Coe, is being critized by John Hovell, the chairman of Haringey AC, Coe's new club in London. Mr Hovell, and Roger Simons, of Shaftesbury Harriers, have complained to the AAA over the June 17 date, which clashes with the GRE British League division one fixture, at Crystal Palace. The AAA has given assurances that no athletes from division one clubs will be selected for the meeting.

● The Olympic javelin medal prospects Fatima Whitbread and Tessa Sanderson received a boost yesterday when Green Giant announced the largest sponsorship for women's field events.

Whitbread, the world silver medallist, and Sanderson, the British record holder, are members of the javelin squad, who, with Britain's shot putters, will receive £5,000 to help in their Olympic Games preparations.

Other girls to benefit from the sponsorship are the Commonwealth shot putt champion, Judy Oakes, and the discus thrower, Meg Ritchie.

IN BRIEF

S Africa stays in IBF

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) – An attempt by the Soviet Union to have South Africa expelled from the International Badminton Federation (IBF) failed at the annual meeting here yesterday.

Craig Reddie, the IBF president, told the meeting that South Africa should be given a chance to defend itself. The Malaysian Government had refused to grant a visa to a South African badminton official. The issue was deferred to the next annual meeting in Canada.

TUG OF WAR: Britain's team has withdrawn from the World championships, due to take place this summer in the United States because South Africa are taking part.

ICE HOCKEY: Goals in the second period by Anderson and Coffey lifted the Edmonton Oilers to a 7-2 win over the New York Islanders in Edmonton on Tuesday (Reuter reports). The Oilers now lead in the best-of-seven final series for the Stanley Cup.

VOLLEYBALL: Ray Tingley, a former vice chairman of the English Volleyball Association, died on Monday after a long illness. Mr Tingley, a coach and administrator, was a pioneer of the sport in the Bristol area and founded the Speedwell club.

TUESDAY'S EVENING RACING

Nottingham results

6.0 (2m hdle): 1, Patsy Pennall (C Smith, 20-1); 2, Red Nick (3-1); 3, Satin Grange (5-2 fav). 2l, ½l. 9 ran. F J Yardley. TOTE: £51.20; £22.30, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £41.80. CSF: £76.95.

6.30 (3½m chase): 1, Was I Right (R Earnshaw, 6-5 fav); 2, Flamenco Dancer (4-1); 3, Red Cleric (3-1). 4l, 12l. 5 ran. NR: Fort Belvedere. M Dickinson. TOTE: £1.90; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.89.

7.0 (2m hurdle): 1, Hardy Ranch (M Brennan, 8-11 fav); 2, Hard Bargain (100-30); 3, Not Easy (7-2). 3l, 4l. 4 ran. O Brennan. TOTE: £1.40; DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.43.

7.30 (2½m chase): 1, Spartan Daisy (S Smith Eccles, 5-1); 2, Ballywell (7-2); 3, Boston Boy (33-1). Next Week (8-15 fav) 4th. 1l, ½l. 4 ran. NR: El Scarsdale. N J Henderson. TOTE: £3.50; DF: £2.90. CSF: £18.14.

8.0 (2½m chase): 1, Saffron King (Mr L Fogerty, 6-4 fav); 2, Egbert (5-2); 3, Master Whist (50-1). 6l, 25l. 8 ran. Mrs T Barnes. TOTE: £2.50; £1.10, £1.00, £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.21.

8.30 (2½m hurdle): 1, Sweet Solicitor (Steve Knight, 11-8 fav); 2, Ascenmoor (2-1); 3, Kiltra Boy (10-1). 20l, 15l. 4 ran. J S King. TOTE: £2.20; DF: £2.40. PLACEPOT: £65.85.

RACING: CECIL UNDECIDED WHETHER DANTE STAKES WINNER WILL TAKE CHANCE AT EPSOM

Claude Monet picture still cloudy

By Michael Seely

Daniel Wildenstein summed up the Derby situation in a nutshell after watching his colt, Claude Monet, beat the fast-finishing Hatim in a blanket finish to the Mecca-Dante stakes at York yesterday. "The horse has earned the right to run at Epsom," the Parisien art millionaire said. "But we've got to face it, El Gran Señor is a very good horse and will be hard to beat. I do feel, however, that Claude Monet would be a 10lb better horse in soft going."

Only about two lengths covered the first six horse home and the form is not comparable with that shown by El Gran Señor in his brilliant 2,000 Guineas victory, nor yet with that demonstrated by Alphabatim in his determined victories at Sandown Park and Lingfield Park. However, Claude Monet is undoubtedly a high-class colt with fine powers of acceleration and was a worthy winner

Henry Cecil was delighted with his fifth Dante Stakes winner. "Claude Monet quickened up well but then appeared to blow up. He is still very fat inside and sometimes gurgles when he pulls up on the gallop. But I'm sure there's nothing wrong with his wind.

"This often happens when a horse is not fully fit. It's therefore too early to decide about the Derby. I want to see how the colt is after he's done some more work". This seemed an eminently sensible summing-up of the situation.

Neither Jeremy Tree nor Dick Hern was prepared to commit himself about future plans for Hatim or Head For Heights, who finished a close third. Ian Balding, however, said that the sixth horse, Elegant Air, was a definite Derby runner. "I was delighted with that and he'll go to Epsom. Unfortunately Gold And Ivory has not yet come to hand and will have to miss the race".

Hatim definitely looks a colt of some potential and would have given Claude Monet an even harder fight but for hanging badly to the left when Pat Eddery first started to ride Prince Khaled Abdullah's Exclusive Native colt with his whip in his right hand two furlongs from home. Tree yields to no one in his admiration of Edderty's talents, but fet inclined to criticize the reigning champion Irish jockey on this occasion.

"I found it hard to understand that. This is the only problem that we have had with the horse and Eddery knows him well," Tree said. "If he had started with his whip in his left hand, Hatim would have been running sooner. I'll have to talk to Prince Abdullah first, but I would have thought that the colt is a bit immature for Epsom at this stage".

Kirmann finished fourth. Raami fifth and Prince Ragusa last. Beldale Lear broke a blood vessel and was pulled up early *in the straight. The unlucky* horse of the race was Telios, who finished eleventh. Tyrnavos's half brother became the meat in the sandwich in some scrimmaging involving Com*manche Run. Hatim* and Petrizzo three furlongs from home and was knocked right out of his stride. Telios's running can therefore be ignored.



Claude Monet holds the challenge of Hatim in yesterday's Dante Stakes at York

Course specialists

YORK

TRAINERS: J Dunlop 22 wins from 51 runners, 43 1%; H Cecil 27 from 91, 29.7%; W Hern 30 from 111 27.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott 55 wins from 272 rides, 23 9%; W Carson 52 from 236 22.0%; S Cauthen 33 from 221, 14.9%.

Carson's blunder costs him £500

By Michael Seely

Willie Carson certainly had an afternoon of mixed fortunes at York yesterday. After putting up an inspired performance on Teleprompter to win the Hambleton Stakes for Lord Derby and Bill Watts, the reigning champion jockey then incurred the justifiable wrath of the punters by dropping his hands inside the last furlong of the Glasgow Stakes when victory seemed assured on Cherry Hill. The pair were caught close home and were beaten a short head by Tony Ives and Chaumiere.

Carson was fined £500 by the local stewards for "failing to ride Cherry Hill out for first place". The maximum penalty imposable is £530 and this is *not an offence for which a* jockey can be suspended, although if the stewards wish, they can send the offender on to the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club for sentence.

Carson has never been one to indulge in feeble excuses and predictably was man enough to admit his carelessness. "We quickened up so well that I never dreamt anything could catch us. It was entirely my fault. But I must admit I never saw Chaumiere. He must have been hiding in the Silver Ring".

Ives, on the other hand would have blamed himself if he had been beaten. "I got into a muddle over three out and had to snatch up. I *should have won without Willie's* help."

Discussing Teleprompter's chances beforehand, Watts had said: "The trouble with the horse is that he's such a hard ride as he's so lazy. He really needs two jockeys to get the best out of him."

Superlative to shine over shorter trip

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Superlative (nap) should keep followers of Bill O'Gorman's successful Newmarket stable in a happy frame of mind by winning the Duke of York Stakes at York this afternoon. No one knows the form of the leading sprinters better than O'Gorman, who has already captured both the Abernant Stakes and Palace House Stakes at Newmarket this season with Reesh, as well as the Quail Stakes at Kempton Park with Sayf El Arab.

Living up to his name, Superlative ran the race of his life at Newmarket last month when, carrying top weight, he was beaten a short head by Cutting Wind in the Free Handicap over seven furlongs. That stout-hearted performance points to him being an extremely hard nut to crack today, especially now that he is reverting to what is expected to be his best distance this season.

Last year, Superlative won both the July Stakes at Newmarket and the Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster and usually only good horses win those races. His toughness was underlined when he was beaten only half a length bye the talented French filly Masarika in the Prix Robert Papin.

Having seen Reesh thwart both Gabitat and Grey Dream in the Aernant Stakes, O'Gorman must be confident that Superlative can do the same. The fact that he had Reesh engaged in today's race but is relying upon Superlative instead speaks for itself. Lester Piggott is reunited with Vorvados, an old favourite, who won this race 12 months ago. But O'Gorman has a line to Vorvados through Camisite.

In the Free Handicap, Superlative was set to give Keep Tapping, Barry Hill's runner, 13lb. Today the difference between the two is only 8lb, which is another pointer to my selection being the one to be on.

No matter how he fares on Executive Man, who would have a chance of beating Superlative at these weights on their Middle Park Stakes form, Pat Eddery should taste further success on Bold Indian in the Norwest Holst Trophy.

Having watched Bold Indian stroll away from Noeyef and Bluff Chester eight days ago, Geoff Wragg, his trainer, is obviously bent on striking again before the handicapper has an opportunity to reassess his improving colt.

While conceding that Bold Indian is the one they all have to beat, George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, will not desert the top weight Capricorn Belle. She has worked very fit as well, in his opinion, since the 1,000 Guineas, in which she finished ninth, as she did before it.

Carlingford Castle, who was runner up in last year's Derby and third in the St Leger, will make his first appearance of the season in the Yorkshire Cup. However, on fast ground Henry Cecil's four-year-old, who has shown his best form on soft going, may not be up to beating either Khairpour or Band. Khairpour threw away his chance of winning the Yorkshire Cup 12 months ago by swerving right across the course half way up the straight. However, he did nothing wrong at Chester a week ago when he finished second to Teenoso in the Ormonde Stakes.

I just prefer Band, who wound up his three-year-old career by finishing second in both the Irish and English St Legers. More recently, Band finished in front of Dazari when he took third place in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket. Bred the way he is, coupled with past form, Band should relish the additional two furlongs this afternoon.

● Ben Hanbury has warned that Really Honest, his representative in the Norwest Holst Trophy at York today, will run only if there is rain.

Dawson's leg is shattered in fall

Steve Dawson, one of the leading apprentices, broke his left leg below the knee in a horrifying fall at Brighton yesterday. Dawson, riding Patrick Haslam's Wang Feihoong in the Madeira Handicap, had his mount under pressure about eight lengths behind the leaders as the field entered the last two furlongs.

About a furlong and a half out, Wang Feihoong struck the running rail, completely lost his balance and crashed into a concrete post, taking Dawson down with him. Dawson, clear of the melee, slid down a shallow bank to end up lying on a footpath adjoining the course.

The jockey, still conscious, was taken to the Royal Sussex General Hospital in Brighton, where the leg was put in plaster. Wang Feihoong, who smashed the concrete post in two, suffered head and back injuries, and was lucky to escape being killed.

In a separate earlier incident in the race, Shutlar's Fling severed an off-hind tendon and was pulled up by Ian Jenkinson. Michael Haynes's four-year-old was subsequently destroyed.

While these dramas unfolded behind them the remaining three, Serheed, Voracity and Aberfield, had a battle in the final half furlong. Serheed it was who prevailed, being produced by Richard Quinn to beat Voracity by half a length, with Aberfield three-quarters of a length away third.

Paul Cole considers that a mile and a half is the minimum for Serheed, and his long-term target is the Ebor Handicap at York's August meeting.

Cole said: "The pace wasn't fast enough for him here, which was why he lost a bit of ground when the others quickened coming down the hill. I think there's a decent race to be won with him now, and the Ebor looks just right."

YORK (C4)

[Televised : 2.35, 3.10, 3.40, 4.10.]

GOING: Good to firm.

Draw: No advantage.

Tote double: 3.10, 4.10. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.40.

2.0 WILKINSON MEMORIAL STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £3,224: 5f) (3 runners)

101 31 AL SYLAH (D) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-13 ....A Murray 1
103 1 FARAWAY GREY (D) (J Crisp) R Williams 8-13 ....T Ives 3
106 41 MRS CHRIS (D) (CDL 44 Foods Ltd) M Naughton 8-13 ....S Dawson 2

1983: Louse Mollion 8-8 E Hide (8-1) P Kelleway 5 ran.

11-10 Faraway Grey, 15-8 Al Sylah, 4 Mrs Chris.

FORM: FARAWAY GREY (8-11) bt Al Sylah (8-11) 1l (Newmarket, 5f, £2,532, good to firm, Apr 18). Al Sylah (8-11) bt Tuxford Hideaway (8-11) 2½l in record time (Nottingham, 5f, £992, firm, May 1). MRS CHRIS (8-3) beat Sandy Reef (8-2) ¾l (Pontefract, 5f, £1,446, firm, Apr 26). Selection: AL SYLAH.

2.35 DAVY McKEE HANDICAP (£3,856: 1m 4f) (8)

201 140-00 TOP CREATOR (D) (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 5-10-0 ....S Cauthen 6
203 0-0320 REGAL STEEL (C,D) (Steel Plate & Sections) R Hollinshead 6-8-10 W Ryan 5 5
204 4600-10 MOON JESTER (D) (T Marshall) M Usher 4-8-9 ....D McKay 8
205 21110-2 DODGY FUTURE (D Lowe) S Mellor 4-8-7 ....M Wigham 2
207 0/4100- STARGAZE (P Goulandris) P Calver 4-8-0 ....M Beecroft 3
209 0000-02 HOLD TIGHT (CD) (B) (F Lafferty Co) R Whitaker 5-7-9 ....N Carlisle 1
210 400430 COMMONTY (Miss K Allen 6-7-7 ....J Lowe 7
211 044-113 RIVERS EDGE (D) (J Fry) Denys Smith 5-7-7 ....M Fry 4

1983: Path Of Peace 7-8-12 J Bleasdale (14-1) C Thornton 14 ran.

9-4 Dodgy Future, 11-4 Regal Steel, 9-2 Hold Tight, 6 Rivers Edge, 8 Top Creator, 12 Commonty, 16 others.

FORM: TOP CREATOR (10-0) 6th to Prince of Peace, btn 8l (Newmarket, 2m, £4,549, good to firm, May 3). REGAL STEEL (8-10) 4th to Teenoso (9-4), btn 7½l (Chester, 1m 5f, £15,848, good to firm, May 10). MOON JESTER 5th to Bahoor, btn 3l Kempton, 1m 2f, £9,377, firm, Apr 23). DODGY FUTURE (8-12) 2nd to Wagoner (9-10), btn 1½l (Chester, 1m 4f, £3,707, good to firm, May 10) with RIVER EDGE (7-13) 4l away 3rd. HOLD TIGHT (9-7) 2nd to bean boy (8-11), btn 4l (radcar, 1m 4f, £1,644, firm, May 8). COMMONTY (8-5) 5th to realistic (9-0), btn 4l (Newbury, 1m 3f, £2,800, good, Oct 22). *Selection: MOON JESTER.*

3.10 YORKSHIRE CUP (Group II: £18,900: 1m 6f) (9)

301 110203- CARLINGFORD CASTLE (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 4-8-12 ....L Piggott 4
302 1003-02 KHAIRPOUR (C) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 5-8-12 ....S Cauthen 9
303 41122-3 BAND (C,D) (K Abdulla) W Hern 4-8-10 ....W Carson 8
306 03/114- ORE (O Zawawi) W Musson 6-8-10 ....B Raymond 6
307 123-330 *ANOTHER SAM (CD) (J Norman) R Hannon 7-8-7 ....R Cochrane* 2
309 1100-0 CAVALIER SERVENTE (D) (R Beardsworth) P Wigham 6-8-7 ...M Wigham 1
310 1120-20 DAZARI (Aga Khan) M Stoute 4-8-7 ....W R Swinburn 3
313 230-031 SAY PRIMULA (C,D) (Kavli) J W Watts 6-8-7 ....Pat Eddery 5
314 40100-2 SOCIETY BOY (D) (R Barnett) H Candy 4-8-7 ....J Matthias 7

1983: Line Singer 4-8-4 E Hide (33-1) W Elsey 10 ran.

5-2 Carlingford Castle, 3 Band, 7-2 Khairpour, 6 Say Primula, 8 Dazari, 12 Ore, 14 Society Boy, 20 others.

FORM: Carlingford Castle (9-0) 3rd to Sun Princess (8-11, btn 1l (Doncaster, 1m 7f, £81,980, soft, Sep 10) with DAZARI (8-0) 8th, btn 19l. KHAIRPOUR (9-4) 2nd to Teenoso (9-4), btn 1½l (Chester, 1m 5f, £15,848, good to firm, May 10). BAND (8-7) 3rd to Gay Lemur (8-7), btn 3l (Newmarket, 1m 4f, £22,380, good to firm, May 4) with DAZARI (8-7) ½l further back in 5th. ORE 4th to Little Wolf (9-0), btn 6l (Ascot, 2m 4f, £43,146, firm, June 16) when KHAIRPOUR (9-0) finished 2nd, btn 5l. ANOTHER SAM not in first 9 to Contester (Chester, 2m 2f, £23,330, good to firm, May 9). SOCIETY BOY 2nd to Gildoran, btn 4l (Ascot, 2m, £14,176, firm, May 2) with Another Sam (8-8) 3rd, btn 6l. SAY PRIMULA (9-10) bt Fortune's Guest (8-4) 1½l (Sandown, 1m 6f, £4,129, good to firm, Apr 27). Selection: CARLINGFORD CASTLE.

3.40 NORWEST HOLST TROPHY (Handicap: 3-y-o: £12,408: 7f) (13)

401 13-0 CAPRICORN BELLE (I Allan) L Cumani 9-7 ....D McHargue 7
404 33-211 BOLD INDIAN (D) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-13 (6 ex) ....Pat Eddery 4
405 61104-1 JACK TAR (T Chick) K Brassey 8-12 ....P Cook 5
407 211-403 MR MEEKA (B) (Mrs S Brook) S Norton 8-9 ....J Lowe 6
408 0041-2 REALLY HONEST (BF) (C St George) B Hanbury 8-3 ....L Piggott 3
409 001-210 FOOT PATROL (Mrs G Fang) J Bethell 8-3 ....T Williams 5 13
410 00-12 DON MARTINO (BF) (Lady B Ness) J Hindley 8-2 ....N Hills 9
411 1320-0 MAAZI (C) (BF) (Faal Racing Ltd) P Cole 8-1 ....T Quinn 3 8
412 0300-00 *BARE ESSENCE* (Mrs I Shuaib) J Dunlop 8-1 ....W Carson 12
413 04133-3 PERSIS (D) (Sir K Butt) J W Watts 7-13 ....G Duffield 2
414 03-1 REDGRAVE ARTIST (Mrs R Redgrave) R Whittaker 7-12 ....N Carlisle 1
416 40-31 BATON BOY (D) (A Wragg) R Hobson 7-7 .... – 11
417 240-140 PAGAN SUN (D) D Harrison) A Bailey 7-7 ....S Dawson5 10

1983: Larionov 8-9 B Taylor (11-2) J Winter 10 ran.

7-2 Bold Indian, 9-2 Really Honest, 6 Persis, 7 Mr Meeka, 8 Bare Essence, 10 Maazi, Capricorn Belle, 12 Jack Tar, Redgrave Artist, 20 others.

FORM: CAPRICRN BELLE (9-0) 9th to Pebbles (9-0) in 1,000 Guineas, btn 9l (8f, £87,009, good to firm, May 3). BOLD INDIAN (9-3) bt Neeyef (8-12) 4l (Chester, 7½f, £3,075, good to firm, May 10). REALLY HONEST (9-7) 2nd to Miss Saint-Cloud (9-3), btn 1½l (Newbury, 8f, £3,348, good, Apr 13). FOOT PATROL 9th to Bastille (Sandown, 1m, £8,870, good to firm, Apr 28). DON MARTINO (9-3) 2nd to Hay Street (8-12), btn ¾l (Thirsk, 6f, £1,821, firm, Apr 27). Previously, DON MARTINO bt Canif (9-0), winner since, 3l (Newmarket, 8f, £2,917, good to firm, Apr 17). MAAZI (8-11) badly hampered final furlong when 6th to Dorset Venture (8-8) at Doncaster (8f, £5,120, good to firm, May 7). *BARE ESSENCE (8-8) 6th to Long Pond (8-8) in group III event at Epsom (8½f, £24,318,* firm, Apr 24). PERSIS (8-4) 3rd to Sarab (8-8), btn 1½l (Newmarket, 7f, £8,168, firm, May 5). REDGRAVE ARTIST (9-0) bt Apatial (8-11) ½l (Newcastle, 8f, £2,456, good, Apr 23). Selection: DON MARTINO.

4.10 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £15,084: 6f) (10)

501 14210-2 GABITAT (D) (B) (B Gubby Ltd) B Gubby 6-9-4 ....R Curant 1
502 0100-00 SYLVAN BARBAROSA (D) (Mrs B Wade) P Mitchell 5-9-4 ....B Rouse 6
503 40001-1 *VORVADOS (CD) (Miss F Gallichan) M Haynes 7-9-4 ....L Piggott* 2
505 20-0103 GREY DESIRE (D) (M Brittain) D Plant 4-9-0 ....B Cogan 4
506 0030-04 JONACRIS (Mrs M Claytton) P Felgate 4-9-0 ....M Miller 3
507 00400-0 PRINCE REYMO (C,D) (R Emmitt) R Armstrong 4-9-0 ....S Cauthen 9
508 12124-2 SUPERLATIVE (D) (Mrs P Young) W O'Gorman 3-8-9 ....T Ives 8
509 3440-00 EXECUTIVE MAN (D) (W Allen) D Sasse 3-8-5 ....D McKay 10
512 01d-0 KEEP TAPPING (D) (A Shead) B Hills 3-8-1 ....M Hills 5
513 21212-4 GREY DREAM (D) (BF) (R Sangster) M Stoute 3-7-12 ....W Carson 7

1983: Vorvados 6-9-0 L Piggott (11-1) M Haynes 11 ran.

9-4 Superlative, 3 Gabitat, 9-2 Vorvados, 8 Jonacris, 10 Grey Dream, 12 Keep Tapping, Sylvan Barbarosa, 20 others.

FORM: GABITAT (9-12) btn short head by Reesh (8-6) at Newmarket (6f, £5,566, good to firm, Apr 18) with GREY DREAM (8-6) 1¼l away 3rd; JONACRIS (9-12) and SYLVIAN BARBAROSA (9-12) both out of first 9. VORVADOS (9-10) beat Yellow Domino (8-0) ½l (Doncaster, 6f, £8,772, soft, Mar 24). JONACRIS (8-10) 4th to Reesh (7-12), btn 4l (Newmarket, 5f, £15,226, firm, May 5) with SYLVAN BARBAROSA (9-0) 8th of 9. PRINCE REYMO (10-0) 6th to Tobermory Boy (8-0) in Doncaster H'cap (5f, £6,400, good to firm, May 7). SUPERLATIVE (9-7) btn short head by Cutting Wind (8-8) in Newmarket H'cap (7f, £17,003, good to firm, Apr 18) with KEEP TAPPING (8-1) out of first 9.

Selection: SUPERLATIVE.

4.40 PIPER CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,308: 6f) (11)

602 3430-20 SUSA STEEL (BF) (R Tikkoo) J Hindley 9-7 ....B Thomson 2
604 021-02 SATURNIAN (D) (B) *(Lady Chelsea) W Hern 9-4 ....W Carson* 5
606 13410-0 DERRYGOLD (D) (W Tunstall) R D Peacock 9-2 ....T Ives 10
607 13-33 MUCH BLEST (J Lilley) G Wragg 9-1 ....Pat Eddery 6
608 403-4 PHARLIOU (K Hsu) R Armstrong 8-13 ....S Cauthen 4
609 02-0200 PHILSTAR (B) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 8-9 .... – 9
610 44224- EMERALD EAGLE (A Lyons) C Booth 8-8 ....G Oldroyd 7
612 22101-0 PARK SPRING (D) (S Pickard) J Berry 8-4 ....K Darley 1
613 410-03 NELLIE BLY (B) (Mrs R Hutchinson) M H Easterby 8-0 .... – 11
614 3220- MAKING HAY (Mrs M Haggas) K Brassey 7-11 ....M Hills 8
616 0-00203 SULLY'S CHOICE (D) (B) (W Chapman) D Chapman 7-10 ...S P Griffiths 7 3

1983: Deputy Head 8-4 P Waldron (6-1) L Holt 6 ran.

7-4 Saturnian, 4 Susa Steel, 6 Much Blest, 7 Pharliou, 8 Derrygold, 12 Nellie Bly, Park Springs 20 others.

FORM: SATURNIAN (8-11) btn short head by Miami Prince (7-9) with MUCH BLEST (8-8) 4l away 3rd, PHARLIOU (8-6) 4th, btn 4½l, and SUSA STEEL (8-8) 5th, btn 6½l (Newmarket, 6f, £8,207 good to firm, May 4). NELLIE BLY (7-11) 3rd to Clantime (8-12), btn 1l (Chester, 5f, £4,130, good to firm, May 9), with PHILSTAR (8-6) 5th, btn 2l. SULLYS CHOICE (8-6) 9th to Ashley Rocket (8-6) at Pontefract (6f, £2,637, firm, Apr 26), with NELLIE BLY (9-0) 6th to Dorset Venture (8-8), btn 8½l (Newcastle, 7f, £3,928, good, Apr 23), with DERRYGOLD 10th.

Selection: SATURNIAN.

York selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Faraway Grey. 2.35 Dodgy Future. 3.10 Band. 3.40 Bold Indian. 4.10 SUPERLATIVE (nap). 4.40 Saturnian.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Al Sylah. 3.10 Carlingford Castle. 3.40 Capricorn Belle. 4.10 Superlative. 4.40 Much Blest.

By Michael Seely

3.40 BOLD INDIAN (nap). Grey Dream. 4.40 Saturian.

Geoff Wragg and Pat Eddery, trainer and jockey of the fancied Bold Indian (3.40)

Starkey passed fit

Greville Starkey was officially passed fit by the Jockey Club doctor, Michael Allen at Brighton yesterday. He rides work at Guy Harwood's stable today, and hopes to be back racing tomorrow.

TOMORROW'S ADVANCE GOING: Newbury: good to firm. Newcastle: firm. Beverley: firm Stratford: good to firm.

● *Piper Champagne sponsor their* first Flat race in this country at York today – the £4,000 added Piper Champagne Handicap, over six furlongs. This is the first of six Flat races to be sponsored this summer by Piper. The others are at Newbury (June 13), Nottingham (July 7), Newmarket (July 10), Leicester (July 16), and Lingfield (August 22).

Blinkered first time

YORK: 4.40 Saturnian.

York results

Going: good to firm

2.0 UNIVERSITY OF YORK CLUB STAKES (2-y-o: colts & geldings: £3,193: 5f)

KIESERITSKY b c by King's Bishop – Exclusive (K Hsu) 9-0 ....J Mercer (2-5 fav) 1
Ho Mi Chinh ch c by Homing - Fiordiligi (P Bull) 9-0 ....M Birch (6-1) 2
Barnes Star chc by Camden Town– Miss Maverick (Rbt Barnes) 9-0...Pat Eddery (6-1) 3

Also Ran: 14 Boardmans Venture (5th), 20 Aristocrat Velvet (4th). 33 Glen-Roy-Boy (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 4l, 8l, 1½l. R Armstrong at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £1.50. Places: £1.60, £2.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £4.16. 1min 00.87sec.

2.35 TATTERSALLS' YORKSHIRE STAKES (2-y-o: £4,374: 5f)

CHANTACO ch c by Song– Catherine Howard (J Burnes) 9-4.W R Swinburn (1-6 fav) 1
Hopeful Heights b c by Full of Hope – La Mome (V J Emsley Ltd) 9-4....R P Elliott (7-1) 2

Only 2 ran. 2½l. M Stoute at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £1.10. 1min 01.03sec.

3 10 MECCA-DANTE STAKES (Group II: 3-y-o: £62,420: 1m 2f 110yd)

CLAUDE MONET ch c by Affirmed – Madelia (D Wildenstein) 9-0 ....S Cauthen (2-1 fav) 1
Hatim ch c by Exclusive Native – Sunday Purchase (K Abdulla) 9-0....Pat Eddery (12-1) 2
Head for Heights b c by Shirley Heights – Vivants (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 W Carson (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-2 Kirmann (4th), 8 Raami (5th), 9 Telios, 11 Elegant Air (6th), 14 High Debate, 16 Long Pond, 18 Tocave Botta, 20 Pigwidgeon, 33 Commanche Run, 50 Beldale Lear, Prince Ragusa, 100 Petrizzo. 15 ran. Hd, 1, hd, hd, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £3.10. Places: £1.80, £3.10, £2.70. DF: £25.00. CSF: £24.24. 2min 08.55sec.

3.40 HAMBLETON HANDICAP (£9,458: 1m)

TELEPROMPTER b g by Welsh Pageant – Ouija (Ld Derby) 4-9-9 ....W Carson (4-1) 1
County Broker b g by Kashiwa – Ardrionn (E Rawlinson) 4-8-11 ....S Cauthen (11-1) 2
Steeple Bell b g by Tower Walk – Nine Lessons (Mrs C Brudenell-Bruce) 8-8-13 K Bradshaw (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Joyful Dancer (5th), 7 Romoss, 9 Moores Metal (6th), 14 Marshalla, 16 Asswan (4th), 20 Indian Rajah, Nagarro, 25 Warplane, 33 Johnny Nobody. 12 ran. Nk, ¾l, 5l, 2l, sh hd. J W Watts at Richmond.

TOTE: Win: £2.80. Places: £1.20, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £10.30. CSF: £25.79. Tricast: £158.07. *1min 36.02sec.*

4.10 GLASGOW STAKES (3-y-o colts & geldings: £4,454: 1m 2f 110yd)

CHAUMIERE ch c by Thatching – Cafe Au Lait (R Swift) 8-10 ....T Ives (9-1) 1
Cherry Hill b c by Shirley Heights – Spring in Romeo (Sir R Cohen) 8-10 ....W Carson (4-1) 2
Privity ch c by Empery – Information (E Seltzer) 8-10 ....M Hills (20-1) 3

Also Ran: 11-10 fav Assail (5th), 2 Thersite (4th), 20 Hieronymous, 33 French Nephew (6th). 7 ran. Sh hd, 6l, 2l, 4l, 20l. R Williams at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £9.00. Places: £2.70, £1.50. DF: £8.90. CSF: £44.20. 2min 10.98sec.

4.40 SEE IT LIVE IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £4,194.50: 1m)

SCARLET O'HARLOT ch f by Nebbiolo – Pewsey (Mrs A McWade) 8-0 Paul Eddery (9-1) 1
Mountain Bear b f by Welsh Pageant – Edloret (Lavinia Duchess-of Norfolk) 8-11 W Carson (4-1 fav) 2
Miralove ch f by Mount Hagen – Miralife (J Hoyer) 8-8 ....P Robinson (16-1) 3
Seattle Rose b f by Seattle Slew – Sancta Rose (C Karpidas) 9-1 ....J Mercer (5-1) 4

Also Ran: 6 Tug Top, 8 Rosana Park, 9 Real Silver (6th), 12 Nophe, 14 Bambs, Moody Girl, 16 Reggae Dancer, 20 Petey, Tender Moon (5th), My Haven, Blakesware Gift, Magic, Kashida. 17 ran. 1l, ¾l, 2½l, sh hd, 2l. Y Musson at Newmarket.

TOTE: Win: £22.00. Places: £3.20, £1.10, £2.70, £1.10. DF: £26.80. CSF: £44.94. Tricast: £523.94. 1min 37.63sec.

TOTE DOUBLE: £38.80. Treble: £77.10. Jackpot: £3,242.35. Placepot: £13.45.

Brighton

2.0 (6f) 1, KIOWA (G Sexton, 7-1); 2, Try Me (M Fozzard, 11-1); 3, Comcharm (R Cochrane, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Sharp Shot, 8 Lonely Street (5th), Kiltaley (4th), 20 Kuwait Day (6th), Singing Boy, 25 Barranca, Peanday, Surfing Era, 33 Barbican Are, Tender Inch, Pronuptia Bride, Dubree. 15 ran. ½l, 2l, 3l, sh hd. P Haslam at Newmarket.

TOTE: £5.70; £1.80, £2.60, £2.70. DF: £19.80. CSF: £78.38. Tricast: £313.88.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, SERHEED (T Quinn, 4-7 fav); 2, Voracity (P Waldron, 4-1); 3, Aberfield (Gay Kelleway, 9-1).

ALSO RAN: 7, Wang Feihoong (fell), 25 Shutlar's Fling (pulled up). 5 ran. ½l, ¾l. P Cole at Lambourn.

TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £2.90. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.19.

3.00 (1m 2f) 1, ENCHANTED CASTLE (T Quinn, 5-1); 2, Love Walked In (P Hamblett, 16-1); 3, Keyops (P Cook, 11-2).

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Carnet de Dance (6th), 9-2 Gilt Star, 5 Ewell Place (4th) 16 Dick Knight, Shenestone, 33 Country Price (5th), 100 I Appeal, Jackie's Lass. 11 ran. 1½l, 3l, 1l, 1½l, sh hd. P Cole at Lambourn.

TOTE: £4.70; £2.10, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £39.90. CSF: £67.13.

3.30 (1m) 1, THE TARGE (I Johnson, 15-2); 2, Meziara (D McKay, 7-1); 3, Kaa Zula (USA) (P Cook, 8-1). Also ran: 3 fav Vitanges, 4 Waltan (5th), 8 Jameena, Grand Entrance (4th), 16 Master Carver, Portland, 25 Maskell Gold, Barnaby Grande (6th), Fils-de-Roi, Jessam, State Free. 14 ran. NR: Serena Plastics. 3l, 1½l, 6l, 1½, 2. C Nelson at Lambourn. TOTE £7.30; £3.80, £2.70, £1.90. DF: £42.70. CSF: £57.67. Result stood after steward's inquiry.

4.0 (7f) 1, SWINGING REBEL (P Cook, 11-4 fav); 2, Landseer (D McKay, 25-1); 3, No Contest (R Guest, 16-1). Also ran: 4 Rix Woodstock, (5th), 11-2 Loving Doll (6th), 6 Viceroy Lad, 8 Forge Close, 9 Bond Dealer, 10 *Sitex (4th), 18 Close to You.* 10 ran. 2½l, 1½, ½l, 1l, nk. N Vigors at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.80 £1.70, £7.00, £6.00. DF: £108.20. CSF: £58.45. Tricast: £671.17.

4.30 (5f) 1, ALBANY LAD (P Cook, 7-2); 2, Saloum (R Cochrane, 7-4); 3, Melodious Miss (R Currant, 33-1). Also ran: 11-8 fav What a Love (4th), 20 Sussex Overseas (6th), 33 Jost *Blair (5th).* 6 ran. ½l, 7l, 7l, 4l, 3l. R Hannon at Marlborough. TOTE: £4.00; £2.20, £1.10. DF: £6.00. CSF: £9.54.

Placepot: £63.30.

● David Nicholson warns that Lulay will only run in the *Buttercross* Novices' Chase at Ludlow today if there is rain. The same applies to David Elsworth's Perhaps Lucky in the second division of the Widcombe Novices' Hurdle at Taunton.

Ludlow

GOING: Hard

2.15 CAYNHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£542: 2m) (5 runners)

1 401 Abalight (D) 6-11-13 ....C Mann
2 003 Uncle Dai (D) 5-11-6 ...W O'Callaghan 7
3 000 Jimstream 4-11-7 ....G Davies
6 001 Slip Up (D) 4-10-10 ....N Fearn 7
7 00p Helvic (B) 6-10-9 ....R Hyett

2 Abalight, 5-2 Slip Up, 4 Uncle Dai, 5 Jimstream, 13-2 Helvic.

2.45 LUDLOW GOLD CUP HUNTER CHASE (amateurs: £755: 3m) (7)

2 -324 Ballydonagh 11-11-7 ....A J Wilson
3 033 Bankside 12-11-7 ....R Dunwoody 4
4 00-u Fishing Song 8-11-7 ....C Brookes 7
5 pfp Lonesome Park (B) 8-11-7 Miss L Wallace 7
6 0-04 Point One 10-11-7 ....J Carden
8 3fu Rambling Buck 10-11-7 ....J Griffith 7
9 p0u Regent's Garden 12-11-7 .... –

6-4 Ballydonagh, 100-30 Bankside, 5 Rambling Buck, 6 Fishing Song.

3.15 ASTON MUNSLOW NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £479: 2m) (7)

1 002 Archers Prince 6-11-0 ....A Webber
2 000 Fly More (B) 6-11-0 .... –
3 f0-0 Hypnotherapist 7-11-0 .... –
7 2pp Kala Astra 5-11-0 ....R Chapman 4
11 00p Birds Of A Feather 4-10-4 ....J Suthern
12 32f Irish Corn 4-10-4 ....G Davies
15 00 Tropmen Winbourne 4-10-4 ....R Crank

2 Archers Prince, 5-2 Irish Corn, 5 Fly More, 6 Hypnotherapist.

3.45 BUTTERCROSS NOVICE CHASE (£892: 2m) (5)

1 122 Lulav 6-11-6 ....P Scudamore
2 182 The Guinea Man 7-11-6 ....A Webb
3 0f0 Gollyno 7-10-13 ....R Hoare
4 p00 Mr Sinclair 6-10-13 ....J Suthern
5 00p *Chosen (B) 6-10-8 ....N Madden*

4-9 Lulav, 3 The Guinea Man, 6 Chosen, 14 Golfyno, 16 Mr Sinclair.

4.15 ASTON MUNSLOW NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £479: 2m) (7)

2 4 Light Sentence 6-11-0 ....A Webber
3 483 Marina Star 5-11-0 ....J Suthern
5 Sibric 5-11-0 ....*Mr R Dunwoody 4*
6 p43 Woodspice (B) 7-11-0 ....C Mann
8 p33 Aldington Mill 4-10-9 ....R Stronge
9 -000 Flyback 7-10-9 .... –
10 00 Gallant Le Bever 8-10-9 ....P Carvill

7-4 Marina Star, 100-30 Aldington Mill, 5 Woodspice, 11-2 Light Sentence.

4.45 WHITCLIFFE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,364: 2m 4f) (3)

1 013 Grey Dolphin (B) 9-11-13 (5 ex) G Davies
2 443 The Lady's Master 13-11-10 ....N Madden
13 0-03 Straight Line 11-10-0 ....C Smith

10-11 Grey Dolphin, 6-4 The Lady's Master, 9-2 Straight Line.

SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 2.15 Slip Up. 2.45 Ballydonagh. 3.15 Irish Corn. 3 45 Lulav (if abs The Guinea Man). 4.15 Woodspice. 4.45 Grey Dolphin.

Uttoxeter

GOING: good to firm.

6.15 BLITHBURY NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

3 pup Dasies Tree 5-11-3 ....K Burke 7
5 0p0 Flitterville 5-11-3 ....R Crank
8 000 Gunner Blue 5-11-3 ....K Mooney
8 p Last Chance 5-11-3 ....P Upson
11 00p Mandy's Seal 5-11-3 ....J A Harris
13 /3-02 Notable 5-11-3 ....P Murphy

8-11 Notable, 6-4 Gunner Blue, 12 Flitterville, 16 Mandy's Seal.

6.45 FREDDY DIXON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,557: 3m 2f) (6)

1 100 Carl's Wager 9-12-6 ....Mr R J Beggan
2 0pf Don't Touch 10-12-0 ....S Smith Eccles
10 001 Mr Oryx 11-10-9 ....A J Wilson
12 011 Jimmy Miff 12-10-9 (6 ex) ....S J O'Neill
14 p30 Kempo Flight 10-10-0 ....Mr R Dunwoody 4
17 400 Jer 13-10-0 .... –

15-8 Jimmy Miff, 5-2 Carl's Wager, 4 Mr Oryx, 13-2 Don't Touch.

7.15 BBC RADIO STOKE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,226: 2m 1f) (4)

2 012 Kyoto 5-12-1 (8 ex) ....S Smith Eccles
3 312 Starmass 9-11-2 ....D Coakley 4
4 p46 Rhelaford 8-11-2 ....P Murphy
7 003 *Charley Fisher 9-10-8 ....Mr N Babbage 4*

11-10 Kyoto, 15-8 Starmass, 6 Rhenford, 10 Charley Fisher.

7.45 RADIO DERBY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,421: 3m) (10)

4 bf1 Gold Measure 7-11-3 (6 ex) ...S Morshead
6 312 Cross Master 7-11-7 ....Mr G Williams 7
7 111 Rodney Parade 9-11-7 (9 ex) ....
8 004 Gala Lad 10-11-6 ....Miss S James 7
10 011 Its-A-Twist 5-11-6 (9 ex) ....S J O'Neill
11 212 Rosa Ruler 6-11-5 ....K Mooney
16 344 Gazaan 6-10-13 ....A Webb
18 222 Gosspath 11-10-4 ....J Hansen 4
22 -00p Rocks of Dawn 7-10-0 ..Mr J Cambridge 4
25 003 Wicker Basket 5-10-0 ....R Stronge

5-2 Rodney Parade, 7-2 Gold Measure, 5 Rosa Ruler, 13-2 Its-A-Twist.

8.15 TARMAC TOPMIX HANDICAP CHASE (£1,794: 2m 1f) (9)

3 400 *Restless Shot 9-11-7 ....G McCourt*
5 024 Cardinal's Outburst 9-11-1 ....P Warner
11 041 Outlaw Man 10-10-9 (7 ex) ....M Brennan
12 032 Fillets Farm 10-10-4 ....H Davies
13 203 Assisted 8-10-4 ....A Webber
14 pfu Brother Sleazy 8-10-2 ....A Webb
15 330 Some Jinks 8-10-1 ....S J O'Neill
21 030 Shebang 9-10-0 ....R Crank
22 021 The Surveyor 8-10-0 (7 ex) .... –

11-4 Outlaw Man, 7-2 Fillets Farm, 5 The Surveyor, 6 Restless Shot.

8.45 BLITHBURY NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £548: 2m 1f) (6)

1 0 Brimston Ball 5-11-3 ....G McCourt
4 000 Fudge Delight 5-11-3 ....M Brennan
5 000 Hodaka 7-11-3 ....Mr J Cambridge 4
11 000 Prince Pippin 5-11-3 ....A Webber
12 0-00 Beckman 5-11-3 ....Mrs P Rigby
15 0 Penny Venus 7-10-12 ....P Carvill

11-10 Fudge Delight, 3 Hodaka, 7-2 Penny Venus, 10 Prince Pippin.

SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 6.15 Notable. 6.45 *Jimmy Miff. 7.15 Kyoto. 7.45 Gazaan. 8.15 Fillets* Farm. 8.45 Hodaka.

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6.0 BATHPOOL SELLING HURDLE (£389: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

3 022 Middleton Sue 5-11-5 ....S Earle 7
4 00p Phillips Hussar 4-11-5 ....C Brown
5 0 Silver Ace 5-11-5 ....P Leach
8 00-4 Romantic Tango 5-11-0 ....J Hatch 4
9 u0p Wool Island 4-11-0 ....Mr D Robinson
10 0 Pattention 4-10-9 ....C Hopwood 7
11 00 Sallcate Moss Rose 4-10-9 ....F Byrne 7

11-8 Silver Ace, 7-4 Middleton Sue, 6 Wool Island, 10 Romantic Tango.

6.30 SHELDON HANDICAP CHASE (£1,475: 2m 3f) (6)

2 p13 Ballybutler 12-11-7 ....Mr G Mernagh
3 144 Little Trouble 8-11-7 ....R Hyett
5 041 Double Step 7-11-5 ....P Barton
7 002 Gold Chief (B) 10-11-9 .... –
9 312 Ankramsky 9-11-0 (7 ex) ....C Evans 7
10 123 Britannicus 8-11-12 ....D Morris 7

5-4 Ballybutler, 9-4 Ankramsky, 6 Little Trouble, 8 Britannicus.

7.0 SOMERSET HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,145: 2m 3f) (14)

1 110 Toppino 10-12-7 ....P Double
2 201 Crown Land 9-12-1 (7 ex) ....J Francome
5 023 Flash Fred 7-11-0 .... –
7 040 Miss Saddler 8-10-3 ....Christine Young 7
8 000 Funny Boy (B) 10-10-2 ....George Knight
9 031 Misty Fenton 8-10-0 (7 ex) ....R Millman 4
12 340 Blue Petrel (B) 8-10-0 .... –
13 00-2 Toatley Able 7-10-0 ....L Bloomfield 4
14 p44 Hollow Tors 8-10-0 ....G Newman
15 000 Swift Encounter (B) 5-10-0 Mr J Mitchell 4
16 p00 Firm Conviction 7-10-0 ....Jessica Turner 7
17 p/01 Bill Hobbs 12-10-0 ....Mr A Jones 7
18 403 Testing Times 8-10-0 ....Miss S Waterman
19 0p0- Wenlays Luck 6-10-0 ....A J Chamberlain 4

9-4 Crown Land, 5 Misty Fenton, 6 Flash Fred, Toatley Able, Toppino.

7.30 HEMYOCK NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,176: 3m 1f) (6)

3 u0f Cwmyrolldis 8-11-7 ....Mr G Mernagh
4 0/14 Lingas North 9-10-12 ....J Francome
6 042 Son Of Gulver 8-10-8 ....Jessica Turner 7
7 124 Sabi 10-10-0 (7 ex) ....D Morris 7
8 30p Be Wish 8-10-0 ....Mr A Jones 7
9 00p Peer Excess 9-10-0 ....F Byrne 7

2 Lingas North, 5-2 Sabi, 100-30 Son Of Gulver, 8 Cwmyrolldis.

8.0 WIDCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £458: 2m 1f) (6)

1 030 Edouards Fox 5-12-1 ....M Caswell 7
2 041 Royal Manx 7-12-1 ....Mr P Morgan
4 021 Star Whistler 7-11-12 ....G Newman
6 0p0 Colonel Curtis 5-11-5 ....C Brown
7 Dionysos 5-11-5 ....A Coogan
10 4 Sugar Hall 6-11-0 ....Mr G Edwards 4

Evens Royal Manx, 3 Star Whistler, 7-2 Edouards Fox, 10 Colonel Curtis.

8.30 WIDCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £464: 2m 1f) (9)

2 0f1 Shoot 4-11-10 ....W Hayes 7
5 f-20 Perhaps Lucky 7-11-5 ....R Arnott 7
6 404 Prince's Drive 6-11-5 ....C Evans 7
7 0p0 Proud Anthony 5-11-5 ....V McKevitt
8 0p2 Tudor Squire 7-11-5 ....N Coleman
9 u Bridle Lane 11-11-0 ....B Wright
10 222 Colm Valley 6-11-0 ....Mr C Down 4
12 032 Prince's Isle 6-11-0 ....M Richards 4
13 0p0 *Tot Of Brandy 5-11-0 ....S Earle 7*

7-4 Perhaps Lucky, 5-2 Colm Valley, 9-2 Shoot, 6 Princes Drive.

SELECTIONS (By Mandarin): 6.0 Middleton Sue. 6.30 Ballybutler. 7.0 Misty Fenton. 7.30 Sabi. 8.0 Royal Manx. 8.30 Colm Valley.

Law Report May 17 1984 Court of Appeal

BBC's libel fear no bar to hearing of complaint

Regina v Broadcasting Complaints Commission, Ex parte BBC

Before Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Oliver and Lord Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered May 16]

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission were entitled under the Broadcasting Act 1981 to consider a complaint of unjust or unfair treatment despite objections that the complaint might be the subject of a defamation action against the BBC.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission from an order of prohibition made by Mr Justice Webster on July 28, 1983, whereby *he prohibited the commission from* proceeding to hear a complaint by Dr Benjamin Cohen concerning a *Checkpoint* radio programme transmitted by the BBC on August 5 and 6, 1981.

Mr John Griffiths, QC and Mr Christopher Symons for the commission; Mr T. R. A. Morison, QC and Mr Andrew Caldecott for the BBC.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that the programme was concerned with a company called Federal Consolidated Investments Ltd *which became insolvent in 1961 and* said that Dr Cohen persuaded the creditors to form a committee under his chairmanship as an alternative to liquidation and, also, that he made promises about the success of such an arrangement which in the event turned out to be unfulfilled in that after 20 years only a small proportion of the debts had been repaid.

The programme suggested that the creditors suffered because Dr Cohen was using the company's funds to finance his own business activities. There were other suggestions in the programme including an allegation by a Mr Weidberg that securities given by Dr Cohen to Mr Weidberg had been pledged elsewhere without his knowledge.

It was the BBC's case that the statements were defamatory but true and that they would plead justification of the statements and fair comment if proceedings for defamation were brought. Dr Cohen's case was that the programme was unfair and unjust in a number of respects.

On October 20, 1981, a letter was *written on behalf of Dr Cohen to the* BBC asking for a transcript. He entitled the letter "My Impending Libel Proceedings". On December 31, 1981, he made a complaint in writing to the commission.

On January 12, 1982, a letter to Dr Cohen was written on behalf of the commission and the letter quoted section 55(4) (b) and (c), of the 1981 Act.

Dr Cohen replied on February 2, 1982, and in his letter said: "I confirm ... that the treatment of which I complain is not the subject *of proceedings in a court of law and* I do not intend seeking such a remedy". The commission informed the BBC of that letter, said that they intended to entertain the complaint and requested a transcript.

Subsequently, Dr Cohen sent a summary of his complaints to the commission and the evidence was that after lengthy discussion the commission decided that they ought to proceed to consider the complaint. A copy of the summary of his complaints was sent by the commission to the BBC who sent their reply to the commission, which reply was sent on to Dr Cohen.

Dr Cohen sent his answer to the BBC reply, saying "... after vaguely hearing the broadcast ... I instructed solicitors to commence libel procedings. The solicitors said that they cannot go ahead before seeing a transcript of the broadcast. They wrote to the BBC requesting a copy. The BBC refused to supply one. I had no alternative but to approach the commission in order to obtain the transcript. Now that I *have the transcript I will in due* course take appropriate action immediately after the commission's adjudication. I promised not to take any action before then: I shall honour my promise."

In the covering letter Dr Cohen said that it was his "intention to commence in due course after the commission's adjudication a sober but intensive campaign aiming at the protection of the individual against unwarranted attacks by the powerful and dominant BBC through *Checkpoint* radio".

In January, 1983, the BBC wrote to the commission quoting those passages and concluding: "Given this unambiguous statement of intent, the BBC once again questions whether consideration of the complaint by the commission is not precluded by the relevant section of the Act".

In February Dr Cohen's solicitors wrote to the commission saying that the complaint was not made merely to obtain a copy of the transcript and went on: "We can only restate our client's position that he has no present intention of instituting proceedings in relation to the *Checkpoint* programme."

Baroness Pike, the chairman of the commission, in her affidavit said that that letter made it clear "that Dr Cohen's complaint was not made merely to obtain a copy of the transcript and further that Dr Cohen had no present intention of instituting proceedings...

"It was considered that this letter was not a conclusive indication that there would be no proceedings but the commission have never felt that they should ask any complainant to give a waiver of his legal rights. The commission would not expect a complainant to go further than saying that he had no present intention of bringing proceedings.

"To require a complainant to go *further than that would in the* commission's view be going further than was ever intended by Parliament. After lengthy discussion the commission decided to proceed to adjudicate on the complaint."

In March a letter was written by the BBC to the commission drawing attention to section 57(1) of the *Broadcasting Act and pointing out* that if the commission were to find for Dr Cohen an order might be made which would compel the corporation to publish a finding wholly inconsistent with its defence in a libel action. The letter finished by saying that unless there was an assurance that no inquiry would take place the corporation would have no alternative but to apply for an order from the Divisional Court.

A letter was then written on behalf of the commission to the BBC saying that there were no particular circumstances in the case which made it inappropriate for them to consider the complaint.

The result was that on April 13 *application was made by the BBC* for judicial review and on April 15 leave was granted.

Dr Cohen's complaints included a failure to give him reasonable notice when raising an event which *happened between 15 and 22 years* before and a failure to allow him to see factual evidence supporting the statement of a depositor, allowing a witness to make allegations of criminal behaviour by Dr Cohen *some 20 years* before without properly investigating such allegation and allowing an accountant in breach of the ethics of his profession to make allegations against his former client.

The BBC in its statement to the commission said broadly that those complaints were without substance, that Dr Cohen had been given adequate notice, that there were several complainants of whom only one was used. The BBC said they were satisfied that the allegations made by the individual witness were true and that it was right to include the statement of the accountant.

The judge below came to the conclusion that the commission had to decide the degree of probability that proceedings would be issued and said: "In my judgment the least that every reasonable body would conclude was that there was a real possibility that proceedings would follow adjudication".

The commission appealed, submitting that the judge was *wrong in* coming to the conclusion which he did and that although he warned himself against substituting his judgment for that of the commission, that in fact in the particular circumstances of the present case he did substitute his judgment for that of the commission.

Section 55(4) prohibited the commission from considering a complaint in certain circumstances. Paragraph (b) prohibited consideration if the unjust or unfair treatment was the subject of proceedings in a court of law in the United Kingdom and made certain that there should not be two separate proceedings in existence at the same time. Paragraph (c) was the provision with which the present case was concerned.

It was common ground that Dr Cohen had a remedy by way of proceedings for libel as part of the unjust or unfair treatment complained of. The BBC submitted that the whole conduct would be considered in a libel action whereas it was argued on behalf of the commission that although evidence about the whole of the BBC's conduct would be admissible in proceedings for defamation there would be no specific remedy for some of the complaints.

In order to succeed in an application for prohibition under that subsection the applicant had to establish that no commission properly directing themselves could fail to find that in the particular circumstances it was not appropriate to consider the complaint. The subsection imposed an obligation on the commission to hear complaints unless in a particular case it was not appropriate.

In substance the BBC submitted that Dr Cohen had a remedy in a court of law in the United Kingdom – libel; that he had expressed the intention of pursuing it after the commission's adjudication; further that a defence of fair comment would be prejudiced and that Dr Cohen had used the procedure of a complaint to obtain a transcript of the broadcast; finally that the power in section 57 of the 1981 Act to order a publication of the commission's decision would be highly prejudicial in subsequent proceedings.

The correspondence to which his Lordship had referred showed that the commission were quite clearly very concerned about Dr Cohen's intentions, but the affidavit of Baroness Pike showed two things, namely that the members of the commission "have never felt they should ask any complainant to give a waiver of his legal rights" and that it was "after lengthy discussion that the commission decided to proceed to adjudicate on the complaint".

In his Lordship's judgment the commission had not acted unreasonably in considering the present question in the manner in which they did.

The commission had in mind the possibility of future libel proceedings. There was no necessity of assessing the chances of such proceedings being brought. The fact that the complaint raised issues as to the way in which the programme was put together was clearly something with which the commission was very much concerned, although the truth or otherwise of the statements might well be better determined in legal proceedings if they took place.

The evidence did not show anything unreasonable in the decision of the commission. They came to the conclusion that there were no particular circumstances which made it not appropriate for them to consider the complaint and it had not been shown that that was a decision they were not entitled to make.

His Lordship added that, in view of the anxiety of the BBC about the effect of possible findings on a future libel defence, the commission (which was composed of independent responsible lay members performing a public duty imposed on them by Parliament) would have in mind those anxieties and would no doubt have regard to them when communicating their findings.

Lord Justice Oliver delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Fox agreed.

Solicitors: Clifford-Turner; Mr R. G. D. Robertson.

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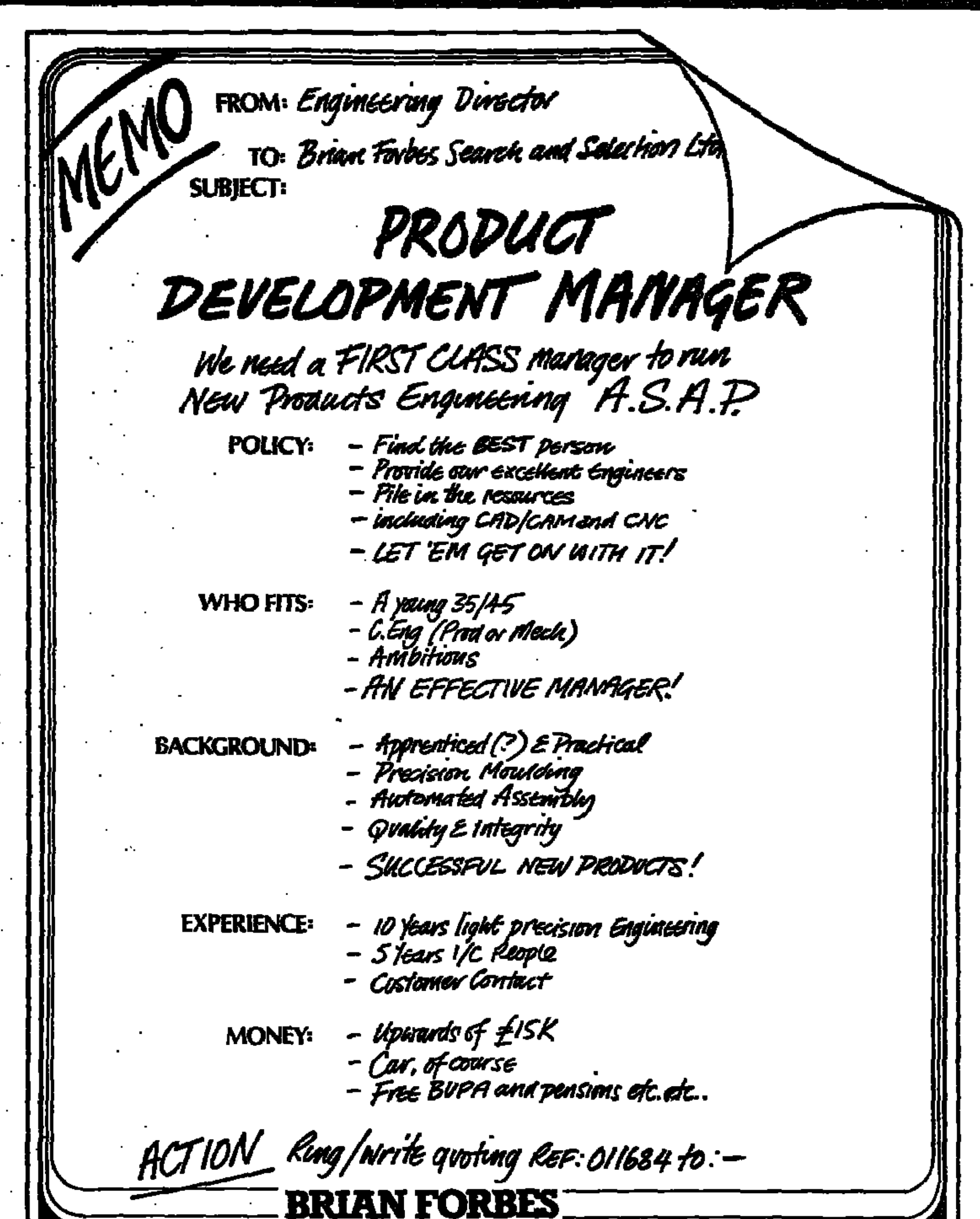
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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career development

Close kinship is needed

Godfrey Golzen looks at the obstacles facing immigrants to Australia

Australia is once again living up to its reputation as "the lucky country". The four-year drought, the effects of which were so dramatically highlighted in the bush fires of a year ago, broke late in 1983 and has been followed by ideal conditions for the still important agricultural sector.

Mining, the country's other big source of revenue, has benefited from the upturn in world trade, so according to a recent OECD survey, Australia is set for a high growth rate for at least the remainder of this year.

From the point of view of job prospects, what clouds this rosy picture is that mining and agriculture only employ about 9 per cent of the workforce. Indeed much of Australia's prosperity has been maintained by paying high wages to the other 91 per cent, most of whom live in the five main cities. The weekly average wage is now more than £200 and this makes Australian manufacturing highly vulnerable to competition from its Asian neighbours.

Unemployment has been held to a level of 10 per cent and the government is determined to stop it rising. For this reason immigration conditions are the toughest they have ever been. Only about 90,000 people are being accepted for permanent entry this year, although the largest single group will still be British. This is not because of any policy of positive discrimination towards this country. It merely reflects the fact that people of British origin are still very much in the majority and that close kinship ties with someone living in Australia is one of the preconditions you have to fulfil even to be considered.

Another chance occurs if you are qualified in an "area of occupational demand" – ie, in a skill which is in short supply in Australia.

The list changes from time to time and is at present an odd mixture, ranging predictably from accountants and electronic engineers to chefs and bakers.

A third category is "employer nominations" – where an Australian employer has satisfied local immigration officials that he cannot find anyone in the country to do that particular job.

It is under this heading that a few Australian employers, particularly in higher education and at the technical end of the public sector, recruit in the UK and also under which UK employees transfer staff to their Australian companies.

A fourth option is the relatively new business migration scheme. If you have a sound business idea, a convincing entrepreneurial record and an amount of money to invest which is appropriate to the venture and intend to run it personally, you may qualify as one of the 2,000 or so people admitted annually as business migrants.

Having threaded your way past these obstacles you still have not reached the end of the road. Applicants are then assessed on a points system in which skills, age, education, employment record and prospects are all rated.

A score of 60 points is needed to qualify for admission, but unless you have a job to go to your chances of being accepted in any other category than that of a business migrant would be slim.

It is not possible to go to Australia on a visitor's visa, work there and then obtain a resident's permit – though one does wonder how many employer's nominations come about in this way.

Is working in Australia worth all the trouble it takes to get there? Most people with any experience of the matter would say it is.

Apart from the excellent climate, it is a remarkably interesting and cosmopolitan place these days – more an extension of America's west coast, than the somewhat bucolic continent it used to be. It has some of the world's best restaurants and as wide a range of cultural events in the cities as are available almost anywhere in Europe. Furthermore, you can afford them.

Income tax and cost of living levels are no higher than in the UK – many shopping basket items are much cheaper – and salaries are 15 to 20 per cent higher. It is no wonder that the queue of applicants to live there is a long one.

It takes at least four months for immigration procedures to be completed so even if you have been offered a job, make a visit to Australia House* the first priority in your preparations.

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Two keys to unlock a job

In searching for employment opportunities – as in all market research – the potential range of information is practically infinite. The precise information you need depends on you and your target market. There are two broad classes of sources of information and opinion about areas of work opportunity – people and publications.

People as sources embrace several groups:

- Friends and some acquaintances (including people in circumstances similar to your own) who sincerely wish you good fortune.
- Strangers, in diverse roles, whom you can persuade to provide information and opinions about current trends in their sector of industry, using an approach variously known as 'networking' or 'advice call'.
- Employment agents, recruitment and executive search consultants who usually specialize in well-defined sectors of the employment market that they know with some intimacy.
- Career counsellors, in the private fee-paying and the public service sectors, who often specialize in particular techniques and in broad bands of income levels.

Publications as sources may also be looked at in broad groups. Reference books include directories and annuals, guides to conventional career structures, to courses and qualifications.

Then there are professional and trade journals and newspapers which provide news about markets, products and personalities in their spheres of interest and carry adverts for vacancies.

National daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals provide detailed news and analytical comment on financial, government and economic affairs and carry adverts for vacancies as well as in three instances a regular column about careers.

Documents including brochures, prospectuses, annual reports and accounts, may yield a rounded portrait of companies and other organizations in employment markets of interest to you. Other documents such as market surveys, technijcal reports, government consultative and policy papers may show possible environmental changes that offer opportunities for those ready to take them up.

Biographies and organizational histories may offer insights into decision-making by individuals or groups whom you regard as interesting models.

The clearer you are about the range and quality of information you want from sources you consult, the greater your chances of winkling out sufficient 'leads' that will, in due course, pave the path to your desired goal. Here is an outline classfied guide*:

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Organisations of various kinds including companies, central and local government, trade and research associations;
Job definitions and analyses;
Vacancies;
Self-employment;
Working outside the UK;
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The appointment will be for a period of 2 years, and secondment from present post will be ac*ceptable.* It is hoped that the successful applicant will take up post on 1 September 1984 *or as* soon as possible thereafter.

Detailed information and application forms are available from the Welsh Office, WOED-FEL, *Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ. Completed application forms must be returned by Friday, 8* June 1984. It is expected that interviews will be held in Cardiff at the end of June.

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Welsh Office
Further Education Unit

MANCHESTER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Salary Circa £25,000
+ Essential User Car Allowance, Telephone Allowance, Removal Expenses and Lodging Allowance

Manchester International Airport is the largest wholly municipally-owned airport in the *UK, handling* 5.2m passengers in 1983 with an estimated annual operational turnover of £48m in the financial year 1983/84.

The Director of Operations is a member of the airport's management team, with responsibility for all operational matters including ramp and terminal services; airside safety; fire, rescue and security services and engineering services. The post-holder is also responsible for maintaining close liaison with the CAA, airlines and other airport users.

Applicants must have proven managerial experience and ability at a senior level in a large commercial organisation. Whilst experience in civil aviation would be an asset, this is not essential.

Application form and further details available from the Head of Personnel Services, Manchester International Airport Authority, Manchester, M22 5PA. Telephone 061-489-3714.

Completed applications to be returned by 8th June, 1984.

General Appointments

SALES EXECUTIVES

On target to achieve another record breaking sales year, Wang, world leaders in the field of Office Automation, are now expanding their UK sales operations.

Opportunities exist nationwide within the dealer, end user and major accounts sectors. Expertise in key vertical markets; commercial, banking and insurance would be an advantage.

You should be one of the computer industries' top sales professionals with the implied drive and commitment necessary to succeed — Wang's growth plans will satisfy the most ambitious high filers.

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To join the Gould team – write with full c.v. or telephone for an application form to Debby Askew, Gould S.E.L. Computer Systems Limited, Copthall House, Grove Road, Sutton, Surrey. SM1 1BY. Telephone no: 01-643 8020. Ref: MKT/UNIX 001.

If you know how advanced communications networking could benefit business - why not make it your business? We'd like to hear from graduate professionals whose backgrounds might include:-

- ☐ Computing ☐ Telecommunications
- ☐ Cable Operations ☐ Data Networking
- ☐ High Technology Products ☐ Aerospace
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NEW TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT MARKETING TEAM

£14-18,000 & car

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This major blue-chip company will have invested £200 million by 1985 in developing and installing a total communications network, both national and international which will be valid into the next century. Services are digital and use microwave, satellite, coaxial cable and fibre optics.

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Please send full career history, in total confidence, to: Giles Foy, quoting reference 913/ST, Crailfern Corporate Consultants Limited, 2 Berkeley Square, London W1X 5HG. Tel: 01-629 0682.

CRAILFERN CORPORATE CONSULTANTS
Executive Selection Division

THE SIMON STORAGE GROUP LIMITED

Opportunities in Bulk Liquid Storage

Due to expansion and internal promotion we have vacancies in our London Head Office for 2 additional staff. The Group manages bulk liquid storage terminals in the UK and has overseas interests. Its primary function is as a Service Company to the Oil, Chemical and Vegetable Oil Industries and it is the leading company in this field in the UK. It is a subsidiary of Simon Engineering plc.

1. Project Engineer

A Project Engineer is required to assist the Engineering Manager in the design and supervision of the construction of new facilities and of major maintenance works.

Applicants should have at least 5 years' experience of design and engineering in the oil/petrochemical field with a mechanical/electrical background. Experience of the UK contractor market would be beneficial, together with a sound knowledge of construction cost control procedures.

The successful applicant will be based in the company's Head Office in London but will be required to travel frequently to company installations which are mainly situated in the UK.

The main required criteria include:
Age range 27/35.
A minimum of HNC (Mech Eng).
Experience and proven ability in the Engineering construction field.

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Reporting to the Commercial Manager the applicant will be responsible for negotiating contracts for the use of the Company's facilities at the various terminals within the Group. The ideal candidate will have had experience in the Supply or Distributions Department of an Oil or Chemical Company or have practical experience with a Shipping Company dealing in bulk products. Education should be to university standard. The position will appeal to persons in the age range 25-30 who are numerate and interested in a challenging position where they would be expected to work largely on their own and be judged by their results.

In each case salary and benefits will be by negotiation, commensurate with experience.

Applications in writing with full curriculum vitae should be sent to:
**Managing Director,
Simon Storage Group Limited,
134/138 Borough High Street,
London, SE1 1LB.**

Wines in Canada......

Innovation, aggressiveness and consummate professionalism are the hallmarks of this private Canadian importer and producer of wines, ciders and spirits, with Head Office in Vancouver, British Columbia. Successful, established and growing quickly, this organisation now seeks to recruit its first

GENERAL SALES MANAGER

Train, motivate and direct a national network of young, aggressive, creative representatives while personally handling house accounts. With a proven sales management record in the field, this sophisticated, internationally travelled, hands-on achiever will produce spectacular results. An excellent knowledge of European wines is mandatory. This appointment should lead to the position of General Manager - Wine Import Division, within 12-18 months.

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Telephone or write in confidence, quoting Project No. 31220 to
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Telephone 01-834 7966.



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Marketing Director

Trusthouse Forte Hotels is one of the leading Companies within the THF Group, operating 220 hotels in the U.K. and overseas, ranging from 5 star de-luxe city centre to small high quality country hotels.

A new position is being created for a Marketing Director who will be responsible to the Company Sales & Marketing Director for providing strong co-ordination and direction for all marketing activities covering a number of key market segments.

This senior appointment calls for an experienced and creative Marketing specialist who enjoys working under pressure in a profit and customer orientated organisation.

The starting salary, company car, pension scheme and benefits package will reflect the importance of the position.

Please write, in strictest confidence, giving details of qualifications, experience, age and current salary to:

Colin Forbes,
Personnal & Training Director,
Trusthouse Forte Hotels,
St. Martin's House,
20 Queensmere,
Slough, Berks.



Trusthouse Forte

CLINIQUE

are seeking a

REGIONAL SALES MANAGER

We require an outgoing self-motivated person who has a proven success record, for this new and challenging position covering the South of England.

Responsibilities include the direction and motivation of a sales team. The preparation, control and achievement of sales budgets within set expenditure levels to ensure the overall growth of over 120 accounts within the Region.

Candidates must be able to successfully negotiate at all levels of management; be well-groomed, self-reliant and must have gained all the relevant experience required for this position.

This position offers an excellent salary, company car and all the usual benefits associated with a progressive company.

Applications should be sent to:

Roger Harper
NATIONAL SALES MANAGER
CLINIQUE LABORATORIES LIMITED
54 Grosvenor Street, London W1

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DRUCE & COMPANY HAMPSTEAD

A Rare opportunity for a very hard working individual to join a large Sales Team in Hampstead Village, experience not essential, but a talent for assimilating quickly, also to act in a professional but ambitious manner and to have the ability to "Mix" important. Good Salary. High Commission. Car for Discussion.

This company promotes from within. Please Reply:

**J V H MORRIS
1, Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3.
or Phone 01-435 4000**

Our client has specifically requested a

"Hungry, Mean and Aggressive Sales Person"

initially to be concerned with the launch of a new product onto the City market. Thereafter, the ideal applicant would become a part of the City sales section of this established Computer Company.

Salary and benefits excellent, £10 - £12k, with commission.

Please contact:
**Pamela Dickens,
Recruitment Consultants
1 New Burlington Street,
London W1X 1FD
Telephone: 01-437 6171/0846
Quoting reference T101.**

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Circa £20,000

We are seeking two more professional interviewers to join our fast growing City office. We are involved in the recruitment of many different types of personnel at the top end of the market. If you consider you are the best in your field, but unrewarded for your effort, why not telephone Frank Gee on 623 4888 for a confidential interview or send CV to:

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NON-SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENTS

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Require well groomed senior Receptionist for busy reception area. Must have a pleasant manner & be able to cope with VIPs.
Salary £8,000+ aae.

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Ring Sally Owens on 235 8427, 4 Pont St, SW1.

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RECEPTIONIST 35-45 required for elegant Bond Street Art Gallery. You must be confident, well presented and have good social skills. No typing required. Ring 836 6644. Stella Fisher Bureau.

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REC/TEL/TYP. £122 pw, W1. 3 months assignment (min 50 wpm). Ideally you will be aged 20-30, bright, well-spoken and groomed. Contact Rita Daly. 01-631 1541. Price Jamieson recruitment consultants.

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COMPANY NOTICES

IMPERIAL JAPANESE GOVERNMENT 4% STERLING LOAN OF 1910

The Bank of Tokyo Ltd., are instructed by the Japanese Government to announce that the COUPONS due 1st June, 1984, No. 148 detached from enfaced bonds will be paid on and after 1st June, 1984.

They should be presented for payment at The Bank of Tokyo Ltd., 20/24 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6DH, listed on the forms provided, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. They must be left at least five clear days for examination prior to payment.

Coupons cannot be accepted through the post.

THE BANK OF TOKYO LTD.
London
(Fiscal Agent)
17th May, 1984

TRANSFER BOOKS

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY Company. Capital Stock. In preparation of the payment of the half-yearly dividend due July 15 1984 on the above Stock, the Transfer books will be closed at 3.30 pm on June 15 and will be re-opened on June 19 1984. W. E. Reeve, Assistant Secretary, 80 Finsbury Square, London, EC2A 1DD. May 17 1984.

MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL

BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT – The Annual General Meeting of Bayer Aktiengesellschaft will be held on 27th June, 1984 in Cologne. Payment of a 14% Dividend for the year 1983 will be proposed. Copies of the Company's Annual Report for 1983 in German will be available from:- Hambros Bank Limited, Hill Samuel & Co. Limited, Kleinwort, Benson Limited, S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd. The report in English is in course of preparation. United Kingdom Shareholders who wish to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting should by 19th June, 1984, inform S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd., Bond Department, 33, King William Street, London, EC4R 9AS, who will make the necessary arrangements on their behalf. 17th May, 1984. Bayer Aktiengesellschaft.

LEGAL NOTICES

RYLEY & CO. (SHIPPING) Limited

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 2nd Floor, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF on Thursday the 24th day of May 1984 at 12.00 o'clock midday, for the purposes provided for in Sections 294 and 295.

Dated the 9th day of May 1984.

A. L. HOGG
Director.

Public Appointments

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Maintenance Services (Ref: C.5)

£18,537 - £20,505pa + Car Allowance

Lambeth, one of London's largest Borough's seeks an outstanding man or woman to head up its Maintenance Division with a current staff/workforce of around 1000.

Essentially, the key task is to take responsibility for some 50,000 Council properties, ensuring they are kept in good repair and modernised/converted as where necessary. The Assistant Director will direct and co-ordinate the activities of six Works Managers each of whom has their own team. The Council's current budget for the Directorate is £35m with £18m *of this for Maintenance.*

Substantial experience in a similar role is essential although this need not necessarily have been in the public sector. The important attributes are strong leadership and pronounced skill in managing large numbers of people. This second tier post reports to the Director and is part of the Management Team.

Lambeth is an inner city multi-racial Borough responsive to the special needs of the community it serves and is committed to a programme of equal opportunity. There is requirement therefore, to balance the need to be competitive and maximise the value of each £ spent with particular demands of working in a local authority environment.

Application forms obtainable from the Senior Personnel Officer, Directorate of Management Services, London Borough of Lambeth, 18 Brixton Hill, London SW2. Tel: 01-274 7722 Ext. 3008. Closing date 4th June, 1984.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

LAMBETH

AMGUEDDFA GENEDLAETHOL CYMRU
National Museum of Wales
ASSISTANT KEEPER
(Fine Art) Department of Art

Applications are invited for a post of Assistant Keeper (Curatorial Grade C) in the Department of Art. A degree in the History of Art and substantial previous experience in the administration of an important Fine Art Collection are required. A knowledge of French, Italian and German would be advantage.

Contributory Pension Rights

Salary Scale: £11,740 to £17,655 (Curatorial Grade C). (Under review)

Further particulars of the post may be obtained from The Secretary, National Museum of Wales, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NP, to whom applications should be submitted not later than Monday, 25 June 1984.

Executive Officer (Finance)

The Commission for Racial Equality have a vacancy for an Executive Officer (Finance) in their London office. The Officer will assist in controlling and monitoring the disbursement of grant aid to various organisations funded by the Commission. He/she will assist in the assessment of profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, consolidated accounts, interim and final reports of organisations receiving grants from the Commission. Experience in related work and local government procedures *will be an advantage.*

Starting salary will be at the minimum of the Executive Officer Scale £5,786 p.a. rising by several annual increments to a maximum of £8,068 p.a. In addition an Inner London Allowance of £1,250 p.a. is payable.

For further details and application forms please write to: Alyson Rees, Commission for Racial Equality, Elliot House, 10-12 Allington Street, Victoria, London SW1E 5EH, enclosing a large stamped addressed envelope. Completed application forms should be returned no later than 8th JUNE 1984.

The Commission is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates of whatever race, sex or marital status and from persons with disabilities.



SOLICITORS
Salary up to £14,316 pa

Following an internal reorganisation we are seeking to make our appointments of admitted staff into a busy legal department offering a full range of legal services. The first, where good local government experience will be necessary, will be involved in undertaking projects at the highest level, supervising the work of other qualified and unqualified staff and appearing as the Council's representative before Courts and at Inquiries. The more junior post, attracting a salary commensurate with experience, would be suitable for a less experienced solicitor seeking to expand his or her role in advisory work (including presenting reports to Committee) and *supervision of staff involved in conveyancing* and common law functions.

These posts carry essential user car allowance car loan facilities, removal and relocation expenses and housing assistance.

Write to the Personnel & Management Services Officer, Manor House, Turners Hill, Cheshunt, Herts EN8 8LE or telephone Waltham Cross 27933 for further particulars and an application form to be returned before Friday, 25th May, 1984.

Borough of Broxbourne

TOYNBEE HALL
DEPUTY WARDEN

This is a new, residential job in Central London – the key role in plans the governing Council is working out with the Warden and Staff for organisational changes which must follow the forthcoming retirement of their present Administrator.

Two requirements are mandatory: first, financial skill, with a reputation for applying budgetary and administrative disciplines in a complex environment: second, experience of managing staff, premises offices and residential facilities. The latter, entailing pastoral care, *provides opportunities for* cultural and social work.

Toynbee Hall is a national institution, one of London's best known and oldest residential settlements, existing to enrich its neighbourhood. Although the job provides a "second career opportunity" the work-load is exacting and the hours will be long. It is no sinecure for a retired or retiring official.

Free single or family accommodation is to be provided, with meals in the Hall as desired. Starting salary about £12,000 pa. Age up to about 55.

This is one of several appointments being handled by consultants for Charity Appointments. Letters of enquiry and application will be dealt with in complete confidence by:
T. O'G. Cochrane and M. J. Graham-Jones, Charity Appointments, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4HN

Charity Appointments

Assistant Emergency Planning Officer
Carlisle
£8,154 - £9,660

This post is based in the County Emergency Planning Team, Carlisle. The successful applicant will be involved in the preparation and maintenance of the County Council's emergency plans for peace and war in accordance with Statutory Regulations. This requires close liaison, senior level, with other Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Government Departments, Public Corporations, and the Armed Forces. Previous experience in emergency management or a related field, the ability to speak convincingly in public, and to express facts and opinions clearly, logically, and concisely in writing, are pre-requisites for this post; and a willingness to train and work with civil defence volunteers, which involves occasional duties in the evenings and at weekends, is essential. Some knowledge of the nuclear and/or chemical industries is desireable. Preferred age group 30 to 50 unless exceptionally qualified.

Further details and application form, returnable by 1 June, from Clerk and Chief Executive, The Courts, Carlisle.



Clerk & Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL GROUP

The Independent Hospital Group, a leading organisation representing acute private hospitals and nursing homes, is seeking a chief executive to spearhead the activities of the Group. This is a new appointment in an expanding organisation and requires an experienced administrator, preferably with a medical administrative background, able to project concisely and firmly the objects and views of the Independent Hospital Group to government departments, the press, television, etc., on matters concerning the independent sector of health care.

The appointment, which will be substantially full-time and which will be based in central London, will be discussed in depth with suitable candidates. The salary will be commensurate with the importance of the post which may be of particular interest to ex-NHS or ex-Service administrators.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Independent Hospitals Group, Rowell House, 15-17 Essex Street, London WC2R 3AD (telephone 01-353 3631) to whom detailed applications, covering career, qualifications and experience, should be sent to arrive by 4th June 1984.

GOOD PRACTICES IN MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT
DIRECTOR

The present director is retiring from the project at the end of July and applications are invited to fill the post of leader of a small GPMH project team. The project is now mainly funded by the DHSS, and managed by a consortium from the DHSS, the International Hospital Federation and MIND. Its basic aims are to promote local studies of good practices in mental health, and to run the GPMH Information Service from the material collected. The project operates mainly in the United Kingdom but there are some studies overseas.

Professional training is not essential but applicants must have a sound knowledge of the mental health field, both statutory and voluntary. The work involves cooperation with planners, practitioners, administrators and organisations at all levels. The personal qualities needed include skills in office management, organising ability, enthusiasm, creativity and experience in public speaking.

The project offers an unusually exciting opportunity to contribute to mental health development. It also requires perseverance and hard work; the successful applicant will be committed, energetic and willing to travel as necessary.

Job description and application forms (closing date 11 June 1984) from:

MRS EDITH MORGAN (Dir).
Director GPMH, International Hospital Federation
126 Albert Street, London, NW1 7NX

General Appointments

THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA
invites applications from
IBM COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS
for interesting and long term appointments at its Ministries' headquarters in RIYADH.

SENIOR APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMERS – Graduates with not less than 5 years experience to design, develop and *maintain* complex programmes and to translate difficult problems in acceptable source code in one or more programming languages.

SENIOR PROGRAMMERS – Graduates with not less than 5 years experience in COBOL, PLI, Data Base, OS/VS2 operating systems, IBM System 370 or 3033 and on-line system maintenance of programmes and documentation.

SYSTEMS ANALYSIS – Graduate level plus 5 years systems analysis experience coupled with 2-3 years in Data Base design and on-line systems.

Excellent tax free salaries commensurate with qualifications and experience, and benefits which include married accompanied status, accommodation or an additional allowance, air travel, generous leave, local transportation allowance and free medical care.

Please send full C.V. (Ref: 05) to:-

Saudi Arabian Personnel Office
Suite 1, 4th Floor,
1 Great Cumberland Place,
London W1H 7AL.



PROJECT CO-ORDINATION OFFICER
£10,524 - £11,334 pa inclusive

This new post in our Housing and Estates department demands substantial experience of development projects *either in the public or private sector. A high level of* organisational skills are needed, together with the ability to combine Council resources with those of Housing Associations/other parties in order to achieve successful developments which meet the property needs – pedominantely housing – of the Council.

The successful candidate will have a detailed knowledge of property development procedures, the construction professions, building industry and contract procedures. Full *membership of one of the professions allied to property* development would be an advantage.

Local government conditions of service will apply to this new post.

The Council offices are located at Rickmansworth in a pleasant part of South West Hertfordshire and a generous relocation scheme and temporary housing accommodation is available for approved cases.

An Essential User Car Allowance will also be paid.

Previous applicants need not re-apply.

Further details and application form are available from the Personnel section,



Three Rivers District Council, 17/23 High Street, Rickmansworth, Herts. Telephone Rickmansworth 776611 extension 36. Closing date for applications is 29th May 1984.

ARP
ALCOHOLICS RECOVERY PROJECT

Requires a
DIRECTOR

- ★ 10 Projects throughout London
- ★ 30 Members of staff
- ★ Annual budget of £350,000

Salary range: £13,599 – £14,586 (incl. London Weighting)

Full information from:
The Chairman of the Management Committee

Alcoholics Recovery Project
68 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6DF
Tel: 01-403 3369 *Closing date: 6th June 1984*

BUILDING A BIOTECHNOLOGY BUSINESS
Sales and Marketing

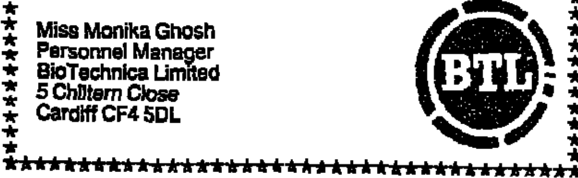
We are a new, British environmental and agricultural company. We need a marketing and sales manager with a track record of successful industrial marketing in a relevant industry and able to negotiate contracts, conduct market research, prepare position papers, undertake costing and pricings and display personal characteristics of dynamism, objectivity and motivation.

The employment package includes a competitive salary and *participation in the staff share-option scheme.*

We are offering a chance to enter an exciting new industry on the ground floor. This is an ideal challenge for someone in their late 20's or early 30's who wants a key management role in the growth of a business.

Applications in writing should include career details and be sent to:

Miss Monika Ghosh
Personnel Manager
BioTechnica Limited
5 Chiltern Close
Cardiff CF4 5DL



LONDON AND SOUTH EAST REGION
PRINCIPAL OFFICER
Salary spinal column 37-42 + London Weighting

This post combines the responsibilities of senior management with considerable opportunity to make a significant impact on the region's work with children and young people in care.

We are looking for someone with the skill, experience and energy to take *especial initiatives in our residential work* with physically and mentally handicapped children and in family finding.

Applicants must be professionally qualified, have proven management skills and the relevant experience, energy and imagination to carry out the initiatives outlined above. The successful applicant will work as a member of the *Regional Management Team*, be based at the Regional Office in Kennington, South London, and have *management* responsibility for 5 Projects.

For an informal discussion telephone David Lovell, 01-582 1340.

The Society is a Christian organisation which seeks in staff a readiness to grow in Christian Faith and Life.

Application forms from Church of England Children's Society, London & South East Regional Office, Sutton House, 363A Kennington Road, London, SE11 4QD. (SAE appreciated).

Closing date: May 23, 1984.

The Children's Society

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
DIRECTOR LONG ASHTON RESEARCH STATION

The University of Bristol invites applications for the post of

DIRECTOR

of the Long Ashton Research Station which is the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture of the University of Bristol. The Station receives grant-in-aid from the Agricultural and Food Research Council. On appointment the Director will also assume responsibility for the Council's Weed Research Organisation near Oxford whose programme of work is being consolidated with that of the Long Ashton Research Station at Long Ashton.

The Director will be a Professor of the University of Bristol and Head of the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture.

The appointment, which is at Grade 4 of the new Open Structure of the Civil Service, carries a salary of £25,455 pa. There is a non-contributory pension scheme.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Registrar and Secretary, *Senate House, University of Bristol,* BRISTOL BS8 1TH, to whom applications, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be received not later than 14 June 1984.

The successful applicant may qualify for financial assistance with removal expenses.

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BOTSWANA. Librarian; Technical Information Officer Food Technologist; *Agricultural Coordinator;* Water Engineers; Small-scale Mining and Processing Engineer, Metal Production Workshop Adviser; Furniture Workshop Adviser for Rural Industries Innovation Centre.

LESOTHO. Engineers for Labour Intensive Construction; Printed Textiles Instructors, Engineer for Pit Latrine Project.

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MOZAMBIQUE. (Minimum 2 years post qualification work experience). Agriculturalists; Foresters; Engineers; Craftsmen e.g. Fitter-Turners, Mechanics etc. with formal teaching experience; Building Supervisors; Economists; Planners; Architects; Accountants; EFL & Science Teachers; Doctors; Nurse-Tutors; Medical Laboratory Technicians.

Also Infant and Primary Teachers; Maths, English and Physics Teachers at secondary level for the International School in Maputo.

2 year contract including modest living allowance and flights. Regret no funding available for dependants. Applicants must be resident in the UK or Ireland.

Write for details including a short C.V. and large s.a.e. to: Chris Elliott, International Voluntary Service, TS, 53 Regent Road, Leicester LE1 6YL.

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Super Secs

Secretary
Magazine Publishing

Young (22-23) *Secretary with* two to three years' experience needed for the managing director's office of glossy magazine *publishing house.*

We need really excellent shorthand and typing, energy, enthusiasm and a smile as *ready for the postboy as a VIP.*

The secretary will also work for and with the MD's Personal Assistant and it is essential we have someone *happy* to work as a team member. We publish some of the best known glossies (Cosmo, Harpers and Queen etc) from *offices in* W1. It is a friendly, informal company but our standards match the quality of our publications. *If you fit the bill please write* with full CV including details of present salary and availability to:

Beverlie Flower, *The National* Magazine Co. Ltd. National Magazine House, 72 Broadwick Street, London W1V 2BP

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
South Kensington
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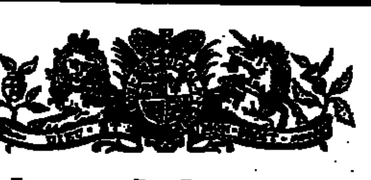
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9.00 The French Way. A happy holiday down the Dordogne (r). 9.30 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.55 Cricket. Live coverage of a 55-over Benson and Hedges Cup match, introduced by Peter West. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jim Laker with summaries by Tom Graveney and Ray Illingworth. (Continued on BBC 2).

12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles) 1.00 Pebble Mill at One. The guests include Dilma Quick, Barry Norman and Peter Seabrook. 1.40 Fingerbobs (r).

1.55 Cricket. Further coverage of a 55 overs each Benson and Hedges Cup match 3.53 Regional news (not London).

3.55 Play School, presented by Liz Watts 4.20 Hunter. Cartoon adventures of a canine detective 4.25 Jigsaw. Another edition of the word game, presented by Adrian Hedley 4.40 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends. Part seven of the 26-episode series based on the stories of Mark Twain (r). 5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Blue Peter. The guest today is American, Don Messick, the man who is the voice of a host of cartoon characters including Scooby and Scrappy Doo.

5.40 Sixty Minutes begins with news from Moira Stuart, then weather at 5.54; regional magazines at 5.55; and ending with news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Pot the Question. Sport and general knowledge quiz between two teams of celebrities captained by Denis Law and Patrick Mower.

7.10 Tomorrow's World includes an assessment of the opportunities presented by the current advances in embryo research.

7.35 Top of the Pops.

8.05 Porridge. While working on the prison farm Fletcher devises a game of chance for his fellow inmates – much to the annoyance of Mr Mackay, starring Ronnie Barker (r).

8.35 We Got It Made. American comedy series.

9.00 News with John Humphrys.

9.25 Murder Not Proven? The first of a new crime series that reconstructs famous Scottish murder cases. Tonight's programme, Open Season, deals with the case of a young man who was found dead with gunshot wounds during a shooting expedition on a Scottish estate in August 1893. Starring Alan Richardson and John Vine (see Choice). (Ceefax titles page 170).

10.20 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's panel consists Harriet Harman MP, Richard Luce MP, Susan Thomas and Donald Trelford.

11.20 Electronics Office. Part five examines the way microtechnology has transformed the speed of exchanging data.

11.45 News headlines and weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; guest of the day, Lisa Eichorn, at 7.40; National Foster Care at 7.45; Simon Williams's Star Turn at 8.15; Paul Gambaccini's film review at 8.33; wedding food and honeymoon advice at 8.40 and 9.03; the Most Beautiful Baby in the World competition at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: A visit to a tram museum; 9.42 Things that thrive on city streets and derelict sites; 9.59 Money; 10.11 Questioning the traditional roles of the sexes; 10.28 Two couples, one married, the other living together, discuss love and marriage; 10.50 Weston-super-Mare out of season; 11.08 Learning to read with Basil Brush; 11.22 Preserving the countryside; 11.40 Portugal – yesterday and today.

11.55 Wattoo-Wattoo. Cartoon series. 12.00 Benny helps Bella with her paper round. 12.10 Get Up and Go! with Beryl Reid (r). 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Plus. Jean and James MacGibbon talk to Mavis Nicholson about their book, Meant to Marry Him, which is published today.

2.00 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Scottish highland estate of Glendarroch. 2.30 Strangers. A prisoner wants to settle an old score with Det-Chief-Superintendent Lambrie (r). 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Benny. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Cartoon Time with Wile E Coyote and Roadrunner (r). 4.20 Ragdolly Anna starring Pat Coombes (r). 4.30 First Post. A chance for young people to air their views about children's television on ITV. 4.45 What's Happening. Topical general knowledge quiz.

5.15 The Young Doctors.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.30 Thames Sport with the chairman, manager, players and supporters of Cup finalists, Watford.

7.00 Whose Baby? Panel game in which children of well-known parents are quizzed as to the identity of their mother or father. This week's panel is Susan George, Danny La Rue and Kenneth Williams.

7.30 The Streets of San Francisco. Police officers Stone and Keller are on the trail of a trio of escaped prisoners responsible for a series of killings and rapes. Starring Karl Malden (r).

8.30 Airline. Episode two of the story about a man's determination to build an airline. It is 1946 and all Jack Ruskin has is his £70 gratuity from the RAF and a demob suit. Starring Roy Marsden.

9.30 TV Eye investigates the furore surrounding Zola Budd.

10.00 News.

10.30 Hill Street Blues. Another selection of frantic goings-on in the maelstrom that doubles as a police precinct house. With Daniel J. Travanti as the perpetually perplexed Furillo.

11.30 My Brother's Keeper. A profile of the Kaleidoscope Club for young people in Kingston-on-Thames.

12.00 Newhart. American comedy series starring Bob Newhart.

12.25 Night Thoughts.

James Fox in Runners, the Film on Four (Channel 4, 9.30)

CHOICE

● Scotland, not normally reticent *about those elements in its national* life that make it unique, has been singularly slow to make capital out of an eccentricity in its legal system: the Not Proven verdict. In effect, the court says to the accused: "We believe you did it – but we can't prove it". And so the prisoner goes free. David Lean's 1949 film *Madeleine*, about the Glasgow girl charged with lacing her lover's *cocoa with poison, is, so far as I* know, the only time a Not Proven verdict has been the inspiration for a film. Tonight (BBC1, 9.25) sees the unveiling of **MURDER NOT PROVEN**, a three-part drama series *(from BBC Scotland, where else?)* about three murder cases in which the Not Proven verdict was either returned or, it is now believed, ought to have been returned. A conflict over forensic evidence lies at the heart of all three cases: in tonight's story, the experts are divided over whether a fatal gunshot wound might have been caused by an accident or whether there was a killer's finger on the trigger. It may not make for sizzling drama (the verdict on the series as a whole must, at this stage, be one of Not Proven), but there are some nice touches of macabre humour. "Stay, Mr Littlejohn, stay – you have forgotten your head," says counsel for the defence to the doctor who, *quitting the witness box, has left a* skull behind. To which the doctor, *clearly* a wag, replies: "I cannot afford to lose my head."

● **RUNNERS** (Channel 4, 9.30pm), Charles Sturridge's film about a father's frantic search for his missing teenaged daughter (and, running concurrently with it, but given less emphasis, a mother's search for her missing son), *is a minutely observed* examination of a nightmare, consciously experienced. The search is bad enough (and neither Mr Sturridge, nor James Fox, who plays the father, spares us anything of the anguish). What becomes truly sickening is the father's attempt to get his girl to return home with him once he has found her. Socially, *Runners* is an important film. And (see today's headlines), a highly topical one, too. It is, alas, too long for its own good, and for our comfort.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Pure Maths: Matrix Algebra; 6.30 A Convent Education; 6.55 Pine Point: A Lead Zinc Deposit; 7.20 Pictures in Politics; 7.45 Engineering: Constructing a Model. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: The way of *life and language of French* teenagers; 9.33 Part two of a five-part serial in French; 9.52 Part two of the serial for the young, Capricorn Game: 10.12 Seeds and plants; 10.34 Phobias and why people develop them. Ends at 10.54. 11.30 Natural History: a study of the kingfisher; 11.55 Italian conversation. 12.10 Ceefax.

12.30 Cricket. Coverage of one of *the 55-over Benson and* Hedges Cup matches, introduced by Peter West.

1.20 Ceefax.

2.00 Daytime on Two continued: You and Me. 2.15 A song *about the Karaja tribe and their* methods of hunting. 2.40 The docking of an oil tanker by computer.

3.00 Ceefax.

3.50 Cricket. Coverage of the remaining overs of a 55-over Benson and Hedges Cup match.

7.25 News summary with subtitles.

7.30 Fred Perry. The legendary *British tennis player talks to* Desmond Lynam about his life and career (r).

8.00 Just Another Day. The first of a series of six documentaries about places that are an established part of the British way of life. Tonight John Pitman visits Battersea Dogs Home (r).

8.30 Nature presented by Tony Soper. Turtles are the main item on the menu with reports from Panama about the plight of the highly-prized hawksbill turtle, a species that is facing extinction because of its *wholesale slaughter for illegal* export to Japan; and from Heron Island, Australia, where conservationists are concerned about the sea turtle whose progeny's sex is *determined by the weather* conditions during incubation.

9.00 Film: Night Moves (1975) starring Gene Hackman as a disillusioned detective on the trail of the promiscuous daughter of a former Hollywood starlet. With marriage troubles of his own he finds himself being drawn into his client's complicated family relationships. Directed by Arthur Penn.

10.35 Newsnight. The latest world and domestic news plus an extended look at one of the main stories of the day.

11.20 *Cricket. Highlights from one of* today's 55 overs Benson and Hedges Cup matches. Introduced by Peter West.

11.55 Open University: Computer-based Information Systems. 12.20 Social Psychology: Identity. Ends at 12.50.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Racing from York. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of four races – the Davy McKee Stakes (2.35); the Yorkshire Cup (3.10); the Norwest Holst Trophy (3.40); and the Duke of York Stakes (4.10).

4.30 Cartoon Carnival.

5.00 Countdown. Yesterday's winners of the fast moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is challenged by Nigel Jones, a computer operator from Hastings.

5.30 Everybody Here. Entertainment for children from every background. Grace Hallworth reads an Asante story; how Rastafarians use *coconuts to make badges;* and how apple strudel is created are just some of the items from a packed programme.

6.00 Barriers. The final episode of the drama serial about a young *man's search for his father*, and Billy goes ski-ing with Konrad and the last of the mysteries is solved.

6.30 Gardeners' Calendar, from the Royal Horticultural *Society's garden at Wisley.* There are items on planting out rock and herb gardens; hardening off of glasshouse plants; and hand pollination of apple trees.

7.00 Channel Four news includes a report from Charles Hodson on the battle looming between Britain's dairy farmers and the government over the new EEC regulations.

7.50 Comment. With his views on a matter of topical importance is Angus Calder, the Scottish historian and literary critic.

8.00 Survive: Nuclear War and Civil *Defence. The final programme* of the series dealing with man's capacity and will to survive, and Nick Downie asks if the measures suggested to survive a nuclear war are sufficient and if they are what would survival mean in a destroyed society.

9.00 Soap. More mayhem from the Tate and Campbell families with Burt having a spot of trouble with his alien look-alike.

9.30 Film: Runners (1983) starring James Fox and Jane Asher. The first of a new season of Film on Four is about the father of a missing 11-year-old girl who becomes obsessed with the need to look for her and the mother of a missing young boy whom he meets *when their paths cross during* their respective searches. Directed by Charles Sturridge (see Choice).

11.30 Arlott in Conversation with Mike Brearley. The final programme of the series and Mr Arlott talks about his collectionof books, wine and pictures and recalls his friendship with Dylan Thomas.

12.25 Ian Breakwell's Continous Diary.

12.30 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 *News Summary. 6.45* Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather; Travel. Rollercoaster. Join Richard Baker and guests *for entertaining and provocative* conversation including 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 News. 10.30 Morning Story. 10.45 An Act of Worship.
12.00 News; Checkpoint with Roger Cook.
12.27 The Small, Intricate Life of Gerald C. Potter starring Ian Carmichael, Charlotte Mitchell.
12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour.*
3.00 News; Afternoon Theatre: 'Louise and the Puppet Man' by Andrew Rissik. It is the story of a young girl who is determined to avenge her hero – a puppet man – after a fun-poking review of his show *appears in a local newspaper.* With Aubrey Woods as the puppeteer and Moir Leslie as the girl. †
4.00 News; Enquire Within.
4.10 Bookshelf. Radio 4's book programme.
4.40 *Story Time: 'Hunt the Slipper' by* Violet Trefusis (4).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 Brain of Britain 1984. General knowledge quiz.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Any Answers.
7.40 Last Tales from the South China Seas. *Themes and variations* from the lives of the British in South-East Asia (4).†
8.25 Landscapes of the night. In the last of three programmes, Peter Evans discusses whether we can use our sleeping time to our *advantage.*
8.50 Actuality.
9.30 John Ebdon in the BBC sound archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Tonight's topics include Joan Chase's book During the Reign of the Queen of Persia; Sophocles's Antigone at the Cottesloe Theatre in London; and the Moscow Classical Ballet season at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: 'Against the Stream' by James Hanley (9).
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.0 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast.

England: VHF as above except: 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 9.05-12.00 For Schools: 9.05 A Service for Schools. 9.25 Secondary English. 9.55 Movement and Drama 1. 10.15 Coming of Age in Britain: 1984. 10.35 In Your Own Time. 10.55 Something to Think About. 11.05 In the News. 11.30-12.00 Wavelength. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00-3.00 For Schools: 2.00 Living Language. 2.20 Radio Geography. 2.40-3.00 Dance Workshop. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00-11.30 Study on Four: So You Want to Be an Actor. 11.30-12.00 Open University: 11.30 Oral Culture. 11.50 Music Interlude. 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting: CSE English 12.30 Introducing 'Kes' 12.50 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle'.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: part one. Couperin's sonata La Sultane: Schubert's Piano Trio in B flat D 898 (Suk Trio).†8.00 News.
8.05 *Morning Concert; part two. C P E* Bach's Harpsichord Concerto in D, Wq 43, No 2 (Bob Van Asperen, soloist); and Schmann's Symphony No 1 (Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra).†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Chopin. Rubinstein plays Mazurkas Op 50; Tamas Vasary plays Ballade No 4 Op 52; and Rubinstein plays Piano Sonata No 3, Op 58.†
10.00 Rubbra: Melbourne SO play the Symphony No 5.†
10.30 Cohen Trio: Bloch's Three Nocturnes; and Dvorak's Trio in E minor, Op 90 (Dumky).†
11.15 City of London Sinfonia: with Stephen Varcoe (bass), Maurice Bourgue (oboe) and Barry Guy (double-bass). Bach's Sinfonia from Cantat No 42; Mozart's Concert aria Per questa bella mano; Strauss's Oboe Concerto: Barry Guy's Voyages of the Moon; and Bach's Cantata No 82: Ich habe genug.†1.00 News.
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Claude Frank (piano) plays Beethoven's Sonata in D, Op 28 (Pastoral); Bach's (arr Busoni) Adagio from Organ Toccata in C major, BWV 564; Debussy preludes; and Ginastera's Three danzas Argentinas.†
2.00 50 Years of Glyndebourne: Performance, in French, of Rossini's two-act opera Le Comte Ory (recorded in 1956). The cast includes Monica Sinclair, Juan Oncina, Ian Wallace, Sari Barabas and Michel Roux. Conductor: Vittorio Gui.
4.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Hertfordshire County Youth Orchestra, with James Watson (trumpet). Holst's overture Walt Whitman: and a Winter Idyll (first broadcasts); Malcolm Arnold's Trumpet Concerto; Bridge's suite The Sea.†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: a selection of music presented by Andrew Keener.
6.30 *Bandstand: The European Brass* Championship. Thomas Wilson's test piece Refrains and Cadenzas is played by the winning band.
7.00 Prokofiev and Rachmaninov: Piano recital by Arthur Ozolins. Prokofiev's Visions fugitives; and *Rachmaninov;s Sonata No 2 in B* flat minor.†
7.45 Haydn: The Creation. Part one of a live performance from the Barbican Hall, London. With Teresa Cahill, Keith Lewis and Gwynne Howell as soloists. Jeffrey Tate conducts the English Chamber Orchestra. With the Pro Musica Chorus of London.†
8.25 Proclaiming Olives: Peace poems read by Sean Barrett. Introduction by Martin Booth.
8.45 The Creation: parts two and three.
10.05 The Tilting Room: Finlay Welsh reads the story by Ron Butlin.
10.25 Music in Our Time: Recordings from last year's Festival of Electro-Acoustic Music in *Bourges. Introduced by Denis* Smalley, director of the electronic studio at the University of East Anglia. Programme includes his work Vortex, and works by Simon Waters and Jonty Harrison.†
11.15 *News. Until 11.18.*

VHF only: Open University. 6.15am Control of Education: 6.35-6.55 Raphael's Tapestries: 11.20pm Modern Art (Synthetic Cubism); and 11.40-12-00 Politics *of Ageing.*



Howard Keel: he is on Radio 2 at 10.30pm

Radio 2

News on the hour, Major bulletins: *7.0am, 8.0, 1.0pm, 5.0 and 12.0* midnight. Headlines: 5.30, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30am 4.00am Bill Rennells.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan †incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 10.0 Jimmy Young.† 12.0 Steve Jones. † incl. 1.05; 2.2 Sports Desk. 2.05 Judith Chalmers incl.†3.02 Sports Desk. 3.10 Racing from York: The Yorkshire cup. 3.30 Music All The Way incl.†3.40 Racing from York: The Norwest Holst Trophy Handicap. 4.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton incl.†5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 John Dunn incl.†6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Wally Whyton with Country Concert and Contry Club.†9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The News Huddlines. Roy Hudd laughs at the news with Chris Emmett and June Whitfield. 10.30 Star Sound Exra with Nick Jackson. Howard Keel is interviewed by Marjorie Bilbow about his long career in show business. 11.00 B A Robertson with Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Paartick Lunt presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Marching and Waltzing.†

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and then 12.00 midnight (mf/mw). 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike *Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary* Davies, incl. 12.30pm Newsbeat. Also: the Radio 1, Day-to-Day Challenge, and the 12 o'clock Connection. 2.00 Stever Wright. 4.30 Peter Powell, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.0-12.0 John Peel.† VHF RADIOs 1 AND 2 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.0pm With Radio 1. 12.0-4.00am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News. 7.30 A Digance Indulgence. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 International Soccer Special. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Holst And His Circle. 10.15 Monitor. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week in Wales. 11.30 Assignment. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Pleasure's Yours. 2.30 Discovery. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 A Jolly Good Show. 9.15 Ulster Newsletter. 9.20 In the Meantime. 9.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week in Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 The Brontes of Haworth. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Letters From Everwhere. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC1 *WALES 12.57pm-1.00 News of* Wales Headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 11.45 News and weather; SCOTLAND 12.57pm-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland Sixty Minutes. 11.45 News and weather; NORTHERN IRELAND 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland News. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 11.45 News and weather; England 5.55pm Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts: 2.00pm Cymru a'r Mor. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.55 Racing from York. 4.25 Countdown. 4.55 Bys a Bawd. 5.05 Y Gwyfit. 5.35 Daley Thompson's Body Shop. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 7.00 Newyddion Seith. 7.30 Teulu-Ffôn. 8.00 Africa. 9.00 Coleg. 9.30 Credaf. 10.00 Film: Medusa'a Raft. 11.40 Jazz at the Gateway. 12.25am Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 News 2.30 Happy Days 3.00-3.30 Makers 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies* 6.00 Channel Report 6.25 Crossroads 6.50 Barnstormers 7.00 Carry On Laughing 7.30-8.30 Hawaii Five-O 10.34 Bosom Buddies 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 Portrait of a Legend 12.25am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Animals in Action. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.20 Arena. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-8.30 Quincy. 10.30 Speedway. 11.15 Gangster Chronicles. 12.15am Personal Views, Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30 Police News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Magic of the Musical. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Cover to Cover. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 Crann Tara. 12.00 At Ease. 12.30am News, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 1.20-1.30 Granada Reports. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 Granada Reports. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-*8.30 Magnum. 12.30am Closedown.*

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News and Lookaround. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25 Northern Life. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. *7.30-8.30 Magnum.* 10.32 Come In. 11.00 Coming Up. 11.10 Sweeney. 12.10pm Our Partners in India, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime 3.30-4.00 It's a Vet's Life 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25 Police Six 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy 10.30 Counterpoint 11.00 Q.E.D. 11.55 News, Closedown

TSW As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.30 Happy Days. 3.00-3.30 Vintage Quiz. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 Gardens for All. 7.00 Carry On Laughing. 7.30-8.30 Hawaii Five-O. 10.35 Bosom Buddies. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Portrait of a Legend. 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS *As London except: 1.20pm-1.30* News. 2.00-2.30 Miracles Take Longer. 5.15-5.45 Take the High Road. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Englishman's Home: Braemore. 11.15 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.15 Company, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30-1.00 Country Calendar. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.00 Calendar. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Selby: Saving Face for Coal. 11.00 Thriller: Possession. 12.25am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 University Challenge 6.00 Lookaround 6.35 Crossroads 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30-8.30 Magnum 11.30 Preview 12.00 News, Closedown.

HTV *As London except: 1.20pm-1.30* News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Gambit. 6.00 News. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Emmerdale Farm. 7.30-8.30 Hardcastle and McCormick. 10.30 Scene '84. 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six. 10.30 Wales This Week. 11.00-12.00 Westgate Women's Bowls Classic.

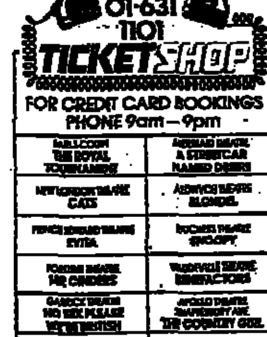
CENTRAL As London except: 12.25pm European Folk Tales 12.40-1.00 Contact 1.20-1.30 News 2.00 Father Murphy 3.00-3.30 Take The High Road 5.15-5.45 Happy Days 6.00 Crossroads 6.25 News 7.00 Emmerdale Farm 7.30-8.30 Magnum 10.30 Central Lobby 11.00 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.05am Closedown

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Sons and Daughters. 3.30-4.00 Gambit. 5.10 Bodyline. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 In Loving Memory. 7.00 Now You See It. 7.30-8.30 Magnum. 10.30 Scotsport Quiz. 11.00 Preview. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Protectors. 12.05am Crann Tara. 12.35 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN. † Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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Entertainments



Ministry scales down submarine base expansion

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Ministry of Defence unveiled yesterday its £350m plans to expand its submarine base on the Clyde to accommodate the Trident submarines which will replace Polaris as Britain's strategic nuclear deterrent in the 1990s.

The proposals are radically reduced from those put forward in 1981 and withdrawn in 1982.

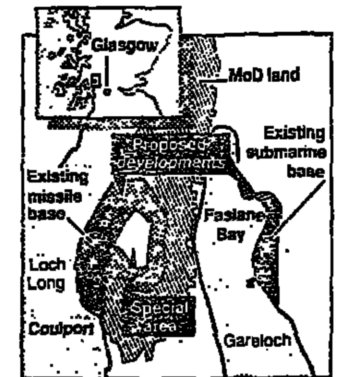
The ministry estimates that the construction work, which it hopes will begin next year, will generate a peak of 1,500 jobs by 1988. And estimated 750 extra jobs will be stimulated in the region to meet the need for local services from the expanded base.

Royal Navy operations at the base are estimated to inject more than £60m annually into the Strathclyde region. It is thought construction work will inject a further £125m spread between 1985-1992.

It is acknowledged that the new facilities would have a visual impact on the landscape, but the ministry says it hopes this can be minimized by landscaping.

The proposals are set out in documents presented to Dunbarton District Council, Strathclyde Regional Council and other local authorities.

They include the construction of two roads to alleviate traffic problems in the Gareloch area. One road, to by-pass the



village of Garelochhead, will be funded by the ministry and then be handed over as a public highway to Strathclyde region.

The expansion is needed not only to accommodate Trident submarines, which will be considerably larger than Polaris vessels, and storage of their weapons, but also to support additional nuclear-powered Fleet and diesel-powered patrol submarines which will come into service in the next decade.

The Clyde submarine base has two parts, an operating and maintenance base for the submarines at Faslane on the west bank of Gareloch, and a weapons maintenance and storage facility across the loch at Coulport, about 2.5 miles to the west.

In 1981, plans were put forward which would have expanded the Coulport depot from about 300 acres to nearly 3,000 acres, at a cost estimated at £500m.

Under the new proposals, Coulport will extend to just under 900 acres.

The Faslane base covers 225 acres, within which are 60 acres previously used for commercial shipbreaking and which are planned to be developed with new submarine facilities.

The changes from the 1981 proposals have arisen because of a decision taken in 1982 that the Trident missiles will be stored and maintained in the United States at Kings Bay, Georgia, rather than at Coulport.

The system of operation of the Trident missiles will be that the vessels will take on board their missiles, minus warheads, in the United States and then return to Coulport to be mated with their British-built nuclear warheads.

At the end of their commissions, after several years, the procedure will be reversed, with the warheads being stored at Coulport. The missiles will be taken to the United States and the submarines will return to Britain for refit.

However, the ministry say that during their commissions the Trident submarines may periodically return to Coulport for operational reasons and for unscheduled repairs. For this reason storage facilities for missiles will be provided there.

The major new construction at Faslane will be a large covered shiplift, capable of raising a submarine out of the water for maintenance. That will be 40 metres high, 185 metres long and 50 metres wide.

There will also be a jetty with two berths, and three additional berths for surface ships and conventionally-powered submarines, and other buildings.

There will be a helipad at Faslane and Coulport.

● Ten people were arrested for breach of the peace and obstruction in Dumbarton before the meeting with councillors and officials began to explain the proposals (Ronald Faux writes).

£28m art auction sets world record



£2.75m: Gaugin's 'Mata Mua', a scene from Tahiti painted in 1892.



£1,807,143: 'Au Musée du Louvre (Miss Cassatt)' by Dégas, painted circa 1879.

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The biggest art auction in the history of the business secured a total of £28m in less than two hours at Sotheby's New York auction rooms on Tuesday night. The sale of Impressionist and modern art contained only 109 individual lots but anyone who was anyone and who had anything to sell had clamoured to get their piece in.

Sotheby's had encouraged this psychology by securing two important collections for sale – important enough to make sure that the sale became the talking point of the art market year.

There was the estate of Mrs Erna Wolf Dreyfuss, who had formed a fascinating collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings with her first husband, Mr Julius Wolf, in the 1920s and 1930s – paintings which no connoisseur had seen since she remarried in 1948. The 12 paintings which came for sale from her estate totalled £8.5m with only two lots (4 per cent) unsold.

The star of the collection, the colourful Tahitian scene entitled "Mata Mua" painted by Gauguin in 1892, sold for $3.85m (estimate $2.5m-$3.5m) or £2.75m, to Agnew's, the London dealers, bidding on behalf of Baron Thyssen, and sets a new auction price record for the artist.

Baron Thyssen's paintings at Lugano in Switzerland form one of the finest private collections in the world. He was recently appointed a director of Sotheby's by its new American proprietor, Mr Alfred Taubman.

A Dégas from the Wolf Dreyfuss collection, "Au Musée du Louvre (Miss Cassatt)", sold for £1,807,143.

The second extraordinary collection was of modern sculpture, mostly of monumental size, whose owner was described by Sotheby's as an "East Coast collector" but identified by those in the know as Mrs Seward Johnson, who wields a fortune based on Johnson's baby powder and other pharmaceuticals.

This was where the sale room bidding became frantic. Nine of her ten sculptures were sold for a total of £3.5m. All four Maillol bronzes topped the former auction price record for the sculptor of $440,000, with two reaching £1.1m or £785,714.

Clampdown on imported drugs closes loophole

Drug companies and chemists are to be prevented from selling cheap, imported drug substitutes for ones currently available in Britain without a special licence. New regulations were announced yesterday in the Commons by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health, to come into force immediately.

He said it would close the loophole whereby substantial quantities of drugs from all over the world were being imported into Britain without going through the normal product licensing procedure. Under the new arrangements no drugs from another European Community country will be sold in Britain unless it is either identical to one made and licensed here, or has no difference in therapeutic effect, and has been manufactured by the same company or group of companies.

Aniexty on safety grounds has been expressed by the British Medical Association (BMA)

Judge stands firm on polytechnic NF order

A High Court judge refused yesterday to back away from confrontation with students at North London Polytechnic who had prevented Mr Pat Harrington an official of the National Front, from attending lectures.

"The situation is approaching total anarchy," Mr Justice Mars-Jones said. "It is outrageous that just because a bunch of students utter threats nothing should be done."

The college had asked the judge to suspend his order that the High Court tipstaff, backed by the police, should ensure that Mr Harrington could attend his lectures and should arrest anyone who tried to stop him.

Counsel for the college, Mr James Goudie, QC, said that they were expecting a situation today where police officers could be injured. Mr Harrington's first lecture was at 10.30am.

The judge said that if the carrying out of his order led to the closure of the college "I am afraid I will wash my hands of it."

MPs press for Nexos failure inquiry

By Richard Evans

A full investigation was demanded b a top Commons public spending watchdog yesterday into "unexplained" losses of £31m incurred by a state-backed office equipment venture which collapsed after three years.

Nexos Office Systems was set up in January 1979 by the National Enterprise Board in an effort to cash in on the then newly emerging world market for advanced office automation systems. It had been put into receivership by October 1981. The NEB, now merged into the British Technology Group, lost all but £500,000 of its £31.5m investment.

The powerful all-party Commons public accounts committee, in a bitterly critical report published yesterday, urges the Government to carry out an inquiry into the high risk investment which went badly wrong.

"In short, we are far from satisfied that an adequate explanation of the £31m loss has emerged or that everything possible was done to limit it", the MPs say.

"We accordingly recommend that the Department of Trade and Industry should undertake a full investigation of the loss. We shall wish to examine the outcome of the investigation."

Half the NEB investment in Nexos – £15.7m was advanced in the 10 months before the receivership decision.

The parliamentary report says that the ultimate responsibility for the failure rests with the NEB but adds that the DTI must share part of the blame for "accepting unquestioningly" the original forecast made for Nexos.

"This illustrates the need, when using public money, for the approval and funding of commercial ventures to be based on thorough and realistic evaluations of the viability of such ventures, with full assessment of risks."

The MPs say they were very surprised and concerned that the DTI had not already investigated the Nexos losses or formally reviewed and analysed the reasons for the NEB's past investment losses wich reflected the board's "very disappointing" early investment record.

In a strongly worded recommendation, the report says: "Major losses of public funds should be fully investigated in the interests of public accountability".

Polygraph tests can solve crime MPs told

By a Staff Reporter

A recently retired chief constable told MPs last night that the controversial lie detector should be used to weed out policemen who were "biased" or had personality defects.

Sir George Terry, head of the Sussex force until last May, told the Commons select committee on employment he was also convinced that the instrument, which is widely used in the United States, could help police investigate crime.

Sir George, now chairman of the first firm in Britain to offer a lie detector service, said he had favoured their use before he had retired from the police force. "I am convinced now, as a result of work we have undertaken, that it would be an aid to police in the investigation of crime," he said.

"I believe, too, it has an application in the police service to look for character defects – bias in the individual – which you cannot always deduce from straightforward conventional interviews."

Asked by the committee chairman Mr Ron Leighton, Labour MP for Newham North East if he believed the lie detector should be used "across the board" in the public and private sector, Sir George replied: "Yes, most certainly".

Sir George said his firm had carried out lie tests for about seventy private firms since its formation last year and helped to solve crimes which had defeated police investigations.

Earlier, the all-party committee investigating the lie detectors' implications for industrial relations and employment, was shown how the instrument works. Mr Michael Clark, an assistant clerk in the Commons was given a partial test.

Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, asked the "guinea pig": "Do you find MPs easy to work with?" "No," Mr Clark answered.

Mr Jeremy Barratt, managing director of the lie detector firm, said the accuracy of the instrument depended entirely on the operator's skill and ability.

Publicised ways of beating the polygraph would show up on the instrument's graph.

Dr Douglas Carroll from the Department of Psychology at the University of Birmingham, said there was no scientific evidence to support the polygraph's use for screening and vetting people.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens the St Joseph's Hospice extension, St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, 3, and later, accompanied by the *Duke of* Edinburgh, gives a reception at Buckingham Palace, 9.30

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand Master of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, attends a service of dedication at St Paul's Cathedral, 11.30.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the York Archaeological Trust, visits the Jorvik Viking Centre and Coppergate Development, York, 10.30

Princess Anne opens the Beverly Consolidated Charities new Almshouses, Beverly, North Humberside, 11.15, and later visits the Tunstall Telecom Group and opens Whitley Lodge, Goole, North Humberside, 12.30.

Princess Margaret visits the joint *Air Reconnaissance Intelligence* Centre at RAF Brampton, Cambridgeshire, 11.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, President of the National Boys' Clubs' Association, visits clubs in Lancashire, including Burnley Boys' Club, 11; lunch at Trafalgar Hotel, Salmesbury, 12.20; Lancaster Boys' Club, 2.25; Blackpool Boys' Club, 4.20, and Bolton Lads' Club, 5.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, returns from Germany, arriving RAF Northolt, 3.45.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend a Reception given by the Queen at Buckingham Palace, 9.30.

New exhibition

Paintings and drawings by Leslie McConnel, John McKerel, Ian Deuchar, Gil Wallace and William Davies, Maclaurin Art Gallery, *Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11-5,* Sun 2-5, (ends June 10).

Last chance to see

Cadbury's National Exhibition of Children's Art, Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, ends today.

Music

Piano recital by Claude Frank, St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1.

Concert by the Allegri String Quartet, *University of Bristol,* Wills Memorial Building, Queen's Road, Bristol, 7.30.

Concert by East of England Orchestra, with James Parsons, Southwell Minster, Nottinghamshire, 7.30.

Guitar recital by Stanley Yates, Liverpool Parish Church, Pier Head, Liverpool, 1.05.

South Yorkshire Police Male Voice Choir and Band, Eighth Annual Concert, Priory Place Methodist Church, Printing Office Street, Doncaster, 7.30.

Concert by BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Perth Festival of Arts, City Hall, Perth, 7.30.

Talks, lectures

From Lemurs to Anthropoid Apes: lives of some primates, by I. T. Bunyan, the Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, 11.

John Ferneley and other sporting artists, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester, 12.45.

The Magdalen in modern times: the Mythology of the Fallen Woman in Pre-Raphaelite painting, by Lynn Nead, the Whitworth Art Gallery, University of Manchester, Whitworth Park, Manchester, 6.30.

The Identity of *Intellectural* History, by John Burrow, the University of Sussex, Brighton, 6.30.

General

Devon County Show, *Exhibition* Way, Whipton, Exeter, Devon, 9 to 7.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,432

ACROSS

1 Flimsy material for padre's boat (10).
9 Flower-girl holds record for stillness (6).
10 Stories the arts master found a curse (8).
11 Bad language to follow closely? The French can (3,5).
12 He observed a hunter, it's said, down the Elephant (4).
13 Just the bird to go to Pinocchio's head? (10).
15 Head accepts hire of painter's board (7).
17 Steps nimbly back with marshal to the copse (7).
20 As a means of protection it has its up and downs (10).
21 Stitch causes upset (4).
23 Message spread to allow retreat (8).
25 Liqueur for a musical group, say (8).
26 Not in suitable gear (6).
27 A sagacity associated with small fish? Just so (10).

DOWN

2 Records for a pound, in old Asian coins (6).
3 Use it, Tom, to make a meal for yourself (8).
4 Mole fixes leisure spell on the river? (10).
5 Destination of a wicked fellow! (7).
6 But it's no obstacle to a female impersonator (4).
7 Hide from Billy the Kid? Could be on the bottle! (8).
8 Mint coin worthy of a king (10).
12 Promptness required for warlike enterprise (10).
14 Condiment perfect for suckers (10).
16 Publicity handouts from the smaller branches? (8).
18 A brief doze shortens this game (8).
19 First male worker, unyielding to requests (7).
22 Sound bases for travellers' courses (6).
24 Upset at alternative duty cycle (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,431

New books – paperback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Being Geniuses Together, 1920-1930, by Robert McAlmon and Kay Boyle (Hogarth, £4.95).
Coming Through the Slaughter, A novel by Michael Ondaatje (Picador, £2.50).
Jumping the Queue, a novel by Mary Wesley (Black Swan, £1.95).
Mapp and Lucia, by E. F. Benson (Black Swan, £2.95).
Miss Mapp, by E. F. Benson (Black Swan, £2.95).
Pressure: the A to Z of campaigning in Britain, by Des Wilson (Heinemann, £2.95).
Running in the Family, by Michael Ondaatje (Picador, £2.95).
Tales of the City, by Armistead Maupin (Corgi, £2.95).
The Amazing Test Match Crime, a novel by Adrian Alington (Hogarth, £3.95).
The Leavetaking, a novel by John McGahern (Faber, £2.95).

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Anniversaries

Births: *Edward Jenner, surgeon* and discoverer of vaccination, Berkeley, Gloucestershire, 1749; Sir Norman Lockyer, astronomer, Rugby, Warwickshire, 1836; Erik Satie, composer, Honfleur, France, 1866. Deaths: Sandro Botticelli, Florence, 1510; Paul Dukas, composer, Paris, 1935.

Handicapped aids

The National Trust is providing facilities for wheelchairs at beauty spots and nature reserves and details are given in its new guide, *Facilities for the Disabled and Visually Handicapped at National Trust Properties*, out this month. Blind visitors and their dogs are welcome at nearly all Trust properties, but they are advised to bring a sighted companion. Properties that cannot accept guide dogs are listed in the Trust's main guide *Properties Open*. A scale model of Uppark, West Sussex, is available for visually handicapped visitors to handle. Staff there will carry wheelchairs down to the servants' room and the shop in the basement. Among properties with special paths and a visitor centre for the disabled is Cragside, Northumberland.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.61	1.53
Austria Sch	28.00	26.40
Belgium Fr	81.50	77.50
Canada $	1.85	1.78
Denmark Kr	14.43	13.73
Finland Mkk	8.36	7.96
France Fr	12.13	11.53
Germany DM	3.92	3.74
Greece Dr	157.00	147.00
Hongkong $	11.25	10.65
Ireland	1.28	1.22
Italy Lira	2420.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	335.00	319.00
Netherlands Gld	4.44	4.22
Norway Kr	11.24	10.69
Portugal Esc	198.00	188.00
South Africa Rd	2.19	2.03
Spain Pta	216.00	205.00
Sweden Kr	11.69	11.09
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.10
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	205.00	185.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 345.1

London: The *FT* closed up 1.4 at 879.4.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, report. Motion for Spring adjournment.

Lords (3): London Regional Transport Bill, committee, second day.

National Day

Norway today celebrates the passage of its constitution through the constituent assembly at Eidsvoll in 1814.

The population of 4 million speak two forms of Norwegian, which are officially recognized as equal. About 80 per cent of children in schools use the older form, *Bokmal* while only 20 per cent use the newer form, *Nynorsk* (Neo-Norwegian).

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Roads

London and South-East: A4: Eastbound carriageway reduced at junction of A4 Cromwell Road and *Lexham Gardens, Kensington.* A105: Kerb raising and resurfacing between Seven Sisters Road and Gloucester Drive at Green Lane, Manor House. Gas repairs in nearside southbound lane of Parliament Street, between Derby Gate and Parliament Square.

Midlands: M5: Contraflow between junction 3 (Birmingham) and junction 4 (Bromsgrove), Birmingham. A38: All traffic sharing southbound carriageway between Watchorn Island (A61 junction) at Alfreton and motorway (M1 roundabout at junction 28 near Matlock, Derbyshire.

Wales and West: *A470:* North and southbound carriageway lane closures on Cardiff to Merthyr road at North Road flyover in Cardiff. M5: Various lane closures on southbound carriageway between junctions 16 and 17 at Bristol; northbound access slip road closed at junction 17. Diversion via A38 to junction 16. Delays particularly during weekends. A361: Resurfacing work with temporary lights on Barnstaple to South Molton road at Newport.

North: M6: Contraflow between junctions 32 and 35 (M55 and Lancaster) Lancashire. M6: Two lanes open in each direction between junctions 23 and 25; contraflow from May 13. M1: Lane closures north and southbound from junctions 35 (Rotherham) junction 37 (Barnsley).

Scotland: A92: Single-lane traffic in Inverbervie. A929: Single-line traffic with lights near A928, *junction 4 north of Dundee. A92:* Single-line traffic with lights between A914 and A919, junctions S of Tay Road Bridge from 08.30 to 4.30.

Information supplied by AA.

The papers

The Daily Mirror complains that Dr Boyson, not only looks like a 19th century mill owner, he acts like one in clarifying the ruling, that the DHSS may reduce social security benefits if a striker or a pensioner, receives any gift worth more than £4. "To send out 'clarification' in the middle of the miners' strike looks vindictive as well as mean", it says and adds: "It is also politically inept. Not everyone loves a miner. But, equally, not everyone would defend what looks like an act of spite against miners' families. The rules can't be worth any savings which they make. They must *depend upon* a large extent upon informers – envious, perhaps, because no one had given them anything. And if not informers, one of the army of DHSS inspectors."

Weather forecast

A slack area of low pressure will cover the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, central S, E, central N England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Rather cloudy, some bright intervals, showers, perhaps heavy at times; wind variable, light; max temp 13-14C (55-57F).

W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW, *NW England, S, N Wales, Isle of Man,* Northern Ireland: Cloudy with rain at times; Wind variable, mainly N, light; *max temp* 12-14C (54-57F).

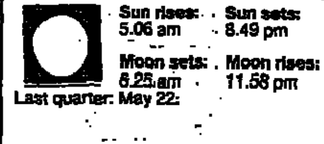
Lake District, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll: Cloudy with rain in places at first, sunny periods with scattered showers later; wind N, light, becoming moderate; max temp 12-14C (54-57F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, *Dundee: Rather cloudy, coastal fog* patches, outbreaks of drizzle; wind N light; 12-14C (54-57F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Rather cloudy, coastal fog patches, outbreaks of drizzle; wind NE moderate becoming fresh; max temp 10-12C (50-54F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain, heavy in places; some bright intervals; *temperatures near normal.*

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover, English, Channel (E): Wind, variable light, sea smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind, N, moderate. Sea slight.



Sun rises: 5.06 am · Sun sets: 8.49 pm
Moon sets: 6.25 am · Moon rises: 11.58 pm
Last quarter: May 22:

Lighting-up time

London 9.19 pm to 4.34 am
Bristol 9.29 pm to 4.44 am
Edinburgh 9.53 pm to 4.25 am
Manchester 9.37 pm to 4.34 am
Penzance 9.35 pm to 5.02 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	12	54	Guernsey	c	10	50
Birmingham	c	12	54	Inverness	r	9	48
Blackpool	c	11	52	Jersey	f	12	54
Bristol	r	11	52	London	c	16	61
Cardiff	c	10	50	Manchester	r	11	52
Edinburgh	c	11	52	Newcastle	f	14	57
Glasgow	c	11	52	Ronaldsway	c	11	52

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Marham, (Norfolk), 18C (64F); lowest day max: Inverness, Aberforth 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Bristol, 0.48in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 11.8hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6pm, 56 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.9hr. Bar, mean sea level: 6pm, 999.6 millibars, 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

NOON TODAY

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

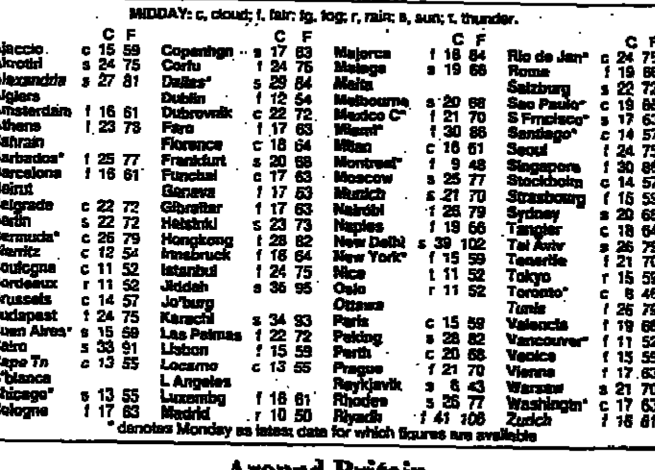
TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.56	7.2	4.19	7.1
Aberdeen	3.22	4.1	3.46	4.1
Avonmouth	9.29	13.2	9.50	13.2
Belfast	12.53	3.4	1.19	3.4
Cardiff	9.14	12.2	9.35	12.1
Devonport	8.12	5.3	8.27	5.3
Dover	12.56	6.7	1.22	6.5
Falmouth	7.42	5.1	7.57	5.1
Glasgow	3.00	4.6	3.06	4.8
Harwich	1.49	4.1	2.14	4.0
Holyhead	12.11	5.6	12.36	5.5
Hull	8.27	7.4	8.49	7.3
Ilfracombe	8.12	9.1	8.31	9.1
Leith	4.35	5.5	5.04	5.6
Liverpool	1.10	9.5	1.32	9.3
Lowestoft	11.45	2.4	-	-
Margate	1.56	4.8	2.24	4.7
Milford Haven	8.27	6.9	8.47	6.8
Newquay	7.17	7.0	7.37	6.9
Oban	7.46	3.8	8.09	3.9
Penzance	7.12	5.4	7.28	5.4
Portland	9.14	2.1	9.31	2.2
Portsmouth	1.23	4.8	1.52	4.6
Shoreham	1.03	6.3	1.31	6.1
Southampton	12.42	4.6	1.10	4.5
Swansea	8.34	9.5	8.52	9.5
Tees	5.47	5.4	6.13	5.4
Walton-on-Naze	1.39	4.3	2.03	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Abroad

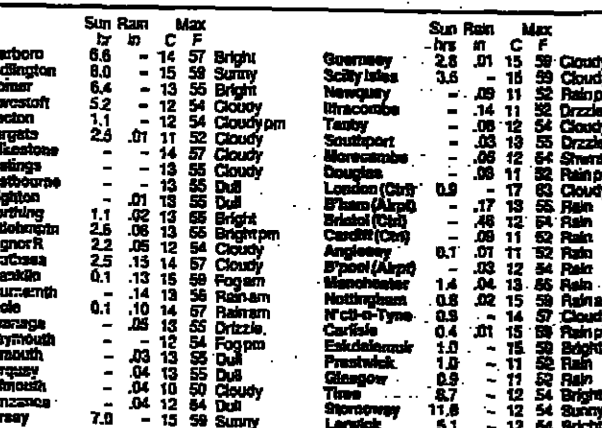
MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; t, thunder.



		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Copenhgn	s	17	63	Majorca	f	18	64	Rio de Jan*	c	24	75
Akrotiri	s	24	75	Corfu	f	24	75	Malaga	s	19	66	Rome	f	19	66
Alexandria	s	27	81	Dallas*	s	29	84	Malta				Salzburg	s	22	72
Algiers				Dublin	f	12	54	Melbourne	s	20	68	Sao Paulo*	c	19	66
Amsterdam	f	16	61	Dubrovnik	c	22	72	Mexico C*	f	21	70	S Frncisco*	s	17	63
Athens	f	23	73	Faro	f	17	63	Miami*	f	30	86	Santiago*	c	14	57
Bahrain				Florence	c	18	64	Milan	c	16	61	Seoul	f	24	75
Barbados*	f	25	77	Frankfurt	s	20	68	Montreal*	f	9	48	Singapore	f	30	86
Barcelona	f	16	61	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	s	25	77	Stockholm	c	14	57
Beirut				Geneva	f	17	63	Munich	s	21	70	Strasbourg	f	15	59
Belgrade	c	22	72	Gibraltar	f	17	63	Nairobi	f	26	79	Sydney	s	20	68
Berlin	s	22	72	Helsinki	s	23	73	Naples	f	19	66	Tangier	c	18	64
Bermuda*	c	26	79	Hongkong	f	28	82	New Delhi	s	39	102	Tel Aviv	s	26	79
Biarritz	c	12	54	Innsbruck	f	18	64	New York*	f	15	59	Tenerife	f	21	70
Boulogne	c	11	52	Istanbul	f	24	75	Nice	f	11	52	Tokyo	r	15	59
Bordeaux	r	11	52	Jiddah	s	35	95	Oslo	r	11	52	Toronto*	c	8	46
Brussels	c	14	57	Jo'burg				Ottawa				Tunis	f	26	79
Budapest	f	24	75	Karachi	s	34	93	Paris	c	15	59	Valencia	f	19	66
Buen Aires*	s	15	59	Las Palmas	f	22	72	Peking	s	28	82	Vancouver*	f	11	52
Cairo	s	33	91	Lisbon	f	15	59	Perth	c	20	68	Venice	f	15	59
Cape Tn	c	13	55	Locarno	c	13	55	Prague	f	21	70	Vienna	f	17	63
C'blanca				L Angeles				Reykjavik	s	6	43	Warsaw	s	21	70
Chicago*	s	13	55	Luxembg	f	16	61	Rhodes	s	25	77	Washingtn*	c	17	63
Cologne	f	17	63	Madrid	r	10	50	Riyadh	f	41	106	Zurich	f	16	61

* denotes Monday as latest data for which figures are available

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.6	-	14	57	Bright	Guernsey	2.8	.01	15	59	Cloudy
Bridlington	8.0	-	15	59	Sunny	Scilly Isles	3.6	-	15	59	Cloudy
Cromer	6.4	-	13	55	Bright	Newquay	-	.09	11	52	Rain pm
Lowestoft	5.2	-	12	54	Cloudy	Ilfracombe	-	.14	11	52	Drzzle am
Clacton	1.1	-	12	54	Cloudy pm	Tenby	-	.08	12	54	Cloudy
Margate	2.5	.01	11	52	Cloudy	Southport	-	.03	13	55	Drzzle pm
Folkestone	-	-	14	57	Cloudy	Morecambe	-	.06	12	54	Shwrs pm
Hastings	-	-	13	55	Cloudy	Douglas	-	.08	11	52	Rain pm
Eastbourne	-	-	13	55	Dull	London (Ctr)	0.9	-	17	63	Cloudy
Brighton	-	.01	13	55	Dull	B'ham (Airpt)	-	.17	13	55	Rain
Worthing	1.1	.02	13	55	Bright	Bristol (Ctr)	-	.48	12	54	Rain
Littlehmptn	2.6	.06	13	55	Bright pm	Cardiff (Ctr)	-	.09	11	52	Rain
Bognor R	2.2	.05	12	54	Cloudy	Anglesey	0.1	.01	11	52	Rain
Southsea	2.5	.15	14	57	Cloudy	B'pool (Airpt)	-	.03	12	54	Rain
Shanklin	0.1	.13	15	59	Fog am	Manchester	1.4	.04	13	55	Rain
Bournemth	-	.14	13	55	Rain am	Nottingham	0.8	.02	15	59	Rain am
Poole	0.1	.10	14	57	Rain am	N'ctl-o-Tyne	0.9	-	14	57	Cloudy
Swanage	-	.05	13	55	Drizzle	Carlisle	0.4	.01	15	59	Rain pm
Weymouth	-	-	12	54	Fog pm	Eskdalemuir	1.0	-	15	59	Bright
Exmouth	-	.03	13	55	Dull	Prestwick	1.0	-	11	52	Rain
Torquay	-	.04	13	55	Dull	Glasgow	0.9	-	11	52	Rain
Falmouth	-	.04	10	50	Cloudy	Tiree	8.7	-	12	54	Bright
Penzance	-	.04	12	54	Dull	Stornoway	11.8	-	12	54	Sunny
Jersey	7.0	-	15	59	Sunny	Lerwick	5.1	-	12	54	Bright